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An Akron, Ohio, letter carrier has gained a reputation for saving people from life-threatening situations. On Monday, Keith McVey, 53, gave CPR to a man along his route who wasn't breathing. This was two years after McVey rescued a 13-year-old girl from drowning while he was delivering mail. Nearly five years ago, he aided a young man who'd jumped off a bridge. **(AP)**

Everything's Better With Condiments

Boise, Idaho, police have arrested a woman accused of repeatedly dumping maple syrup, ketchup and mayonnaise into a library book drop. Joy Cassidy, 74, was first arrested in June after getting caught putting mayonnaise in the drop. When she missed two court dates, warrants were issued to arrest her again. She turned herself in Monday. **(AP)**

Bully Has Epiphany After Seeing Clown Roll a Barrel

Marvin Nash began rolling a 160-pound barrel from Washington, D.C., to Cowtown Rodeo in Pilesgrove, N.J., Wednesday to bring attention to bullying, NJ.com reported. Nash, a clown who performs at rodeos, and his wife launched the Bullying Hurts program nine years ago. He is rolling the barrel in full makeup. **(EXPRESS)**

The Big Picture

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EVERYTHING'S BIGGER in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, where workers labored Wednesday to finish this billboard. We have no idea what it's advertising, but pretty girls usually mean "buy something that, for a few seconds, will give you the illusion of having increased your attractiveness." **(EXPRESS)**

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Nation

Dick Cheney remains hospitalized.

Cheney Says Heart Surgery 'Went Very Well'

Washington

Former vice president Dick Cheney disclosed Wednesday that he has undergone surgery to install a small pump to help his heart work, as the 69-year-old enters a new phase of what he called "increasing congestive heart failure." "The operation went very well, and I am now recuperating," a still-hospitalized Cheney said in a statement.

The kind of heart pump that Cheney received can be implanted next to the heart to help its main pumping chamber, the left ventricle, pump blood through the body.

Such devices are used mainly for short periods, to buy transplant candidates time as they await a donor organ. But they are being studied for use as a permanent therapy for people with severe heart failure who aren't transplant candidates. (AP)

BP Tests Move Ahead Cautiously

After delay, officials restart effort to stop oil from gushing

New Orleans

BP allayed last-minute government fears of making the disaster worse and began testing the new, tighter-fitting cap Wednesday that could finally choke off the oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico.

Retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, the Obama administration's point man on the disaster, said the government gave the go-ahead after carefully reviewing the risks.

The cap — a 75-ton metal stack of pipes and valves — was lowered onto the well on Monday in hopes of either bottling up the oil inside the well machinery, or capturing it and funneling it to the surface. But before BP could test the equipment, the government intervened because of second thoughts about whether the buildup of pressure from the gushing oil could rupture the walls of the well and make the leak worse.

The test began with BP shutting off pipes that were funneling some of the oil to ships on the surface so the full force of the gusher went up into the cap. Then deep-sea robots began slowly closing, one at a time, three openings in the cap that let oil pass through. Ultimately, the flow of crude will be blocked entirely. All along, engineers will be watching pressure readings to learn whether the well is intact.

The one-day delay came just when it looked as if the Gulf oil crisis was nearing an end. The hold-up was met with disappointment along the Gulf Coast. "This thing's been going on for so long now, it's time to take a gamble," said Mitch Jurisich, a third-generation oyster farmer from Empire, La. (AP)

AP/BP

Oil emerges from the damaged BP well in the Gulf of Mexico on Wednesday.

> **"What we didn't want to do was compound that problem by making an irreversible mistake."**
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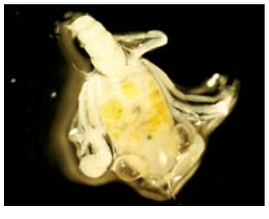
> — **THAD ALLEN,** WHO'S IN CHARGE OF THE OIL RESPONSE EFFORT, ON THE DECISION TO STOP WORK TEMPORARILY.



Oil's Effects Seep In

Scientists are reporting early signs that the Gulf of Mexico oil spill is altering the marine food web by killing or tainting some creatures and spurring the growth of others more suited to a fouled environment. Near the spill site, researchers have documented a massive die-off of pyrosomes — cucumber-shaped, gelatinous organisms fed on by endangered sea turtles. Along the coast, droplets of oil are being found inside the shells of young crabs, left, that are a mainstay in the diet of fish, turtles and shorebirds. (AP)

DENIALS

The British government is refusing to allow an American Indian lacrosse team to travel to England using passports issued by the Iroquois Confederacy. The decision issued Wednesday — hours after the U.S. cleared the team to travel on a one-time waiver at the behest of Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton — means the team will miss a world championship lacrosse competition in Manchester. (AP)

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Nation

GAO Slams Airline Fees

Hidden travel costs could lead to action, congressman warns

Washington

Finding the best deal on a flight has become a lot more difficult, thanks to hefty baggage and service fees that consumers often don't know about until they show up at the airline counter, congressional investigators say.

Those fees are not part of the ticket price, meaning they can easily go unseen until it's too late for the consumer to shop around. Amounting to billions of dollars for the airlines, the fees also are exempt from an excise tax, and some lawmakers want to reclaim that money for the treasury.

Airlines, travel agents, online travel services and other ticket distribution channels should be required to disclose fees for checked baggage, changed reservations and other services in a clear and consistent manner, the Government Accountability Office said in a report out Wednesday.

AP

U.S. airlines collected $7.8 billion in baggage and service fees last year, a report found.

Since 2007, many airlines have been charging for services that were traditionally included in the price of a ticket. That's improved airline bottom lines in a tough economy but raised the ire of travelers who find themselves nickeled and dimed to substantially higher costs.

Besides checked bags, some airlines charge fees for seat selection, extra leg room, prime spots in boarding lines, blankets, pillows, drinks and meals. "Those fees can be an unexpected shock totaling hundreds of dollars," said Charles Leocha, director of the Consumer Travel Alliance.

In the last budget year, 10 U.S. airlines collected $7.8 billion in such fees, congressional accountants say. The leader was Delta Air Lines, the world's largest airline, with $1.6 billion.

Rep. James Oberstar, D-Minn., who led a House hearing Wednesday on the matter, told airlines that the public will push back "and then Congress will act" if the industry does not show restraint with the fees. **JOAN LOWY (AP)**

NOLA Officers Plead Not Guilty

New Orleans

Three officers pleaded not guilty Wednesday in the shooting deaths of two unarmed residents on a New Orleans bridge in the chaos that followed Hurricane Katrina.

Sgts. Robert Gisevius and Kenneth Bowen and Officer Anthony Villavaso stood before a federal magistrate shackled at the waist and ankles. They will remain jailed at least until a hearing Friday.

U.S. Attorney Jim Letten's office said the Justice Department hasn't decided whether to seek the death penalty against them and former officer Robert Faulcon, who was arrested in Texas on Tuesday, and has not entered a plea.

Faulcon Gisevius Bowen Villavaso

The case is one of several probes of alleged misconduct by New Orleans police officers that the Justice Department opened after the August 2005 storm.

Five former officers already have pleaded guilty to helping cover up the shootings, which happened in the midst of another of the scorching days after Katrina. Bodies floated in filthy flood waters. Shots could be heard throughout the city, and many believed they were aimed at the endless stream of helicopters, the police and the rescue crews.

Police were desperate to regain control amid the looting, the death and the people needing rescue. So, when gunfire was heard at the Danziger Bridge, some of the responding officers fired back at the first people they saw. **(AP)**

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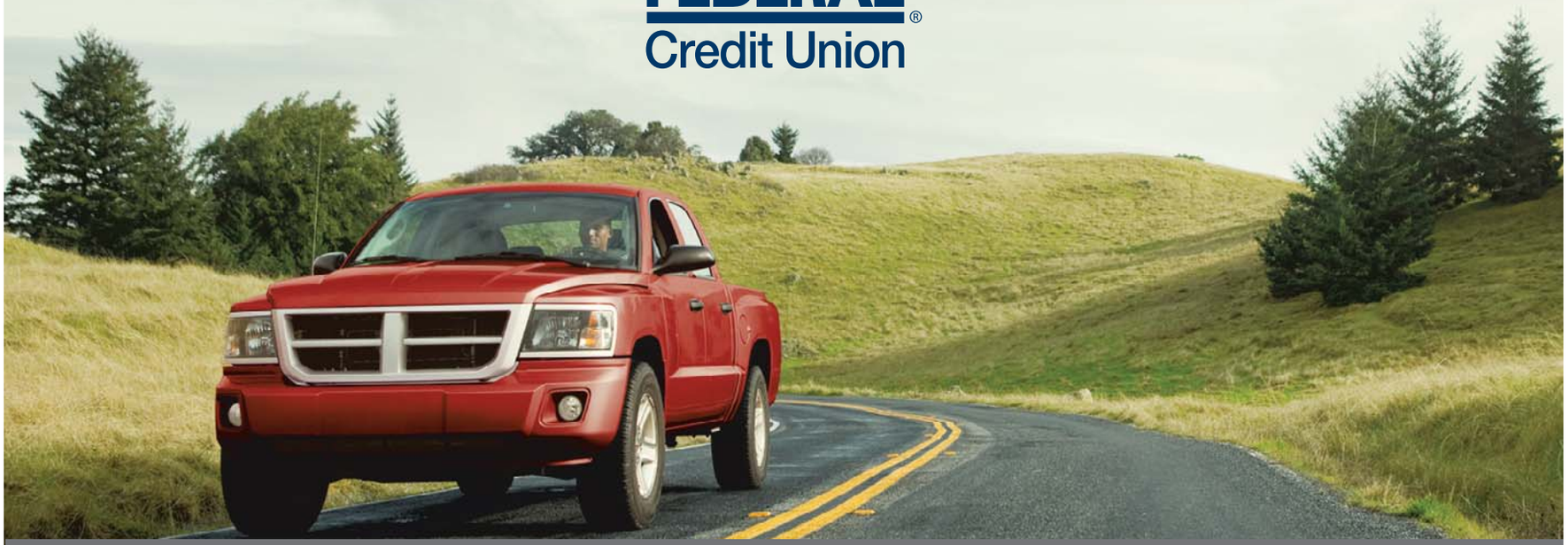

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House Dems Slam White House

Leaders say election prospects damaged by administration

Washington

House Democrats, after months of feeling neglected by the Obama White House, lashed out Tuesday night at administration officials and accused them of undermining the party's chances of retaining the majority in November midterm elections.

In a closed meeting in the Capitol basement, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and other Democrats dressed down administration officials in the wake of comments by White House press secretary Robert Gibbs suggesting the party could lose the House majority in November.

Gibbs' comments — first on Sunday's "Meet the Press" and again at his regular briefing Monday — were not considered inaccurate, given that every independent analyst studying the elections has estimated that about 60 Democratic seats are in jeopardy and Republicans need a net gain of 39 to claim the gavel from Pelosi. However, the press secretary's public airing of the dire political situation blew up the long-simmering feeling among House Democrats that President Obama is not concerned about losing their chamber's majority, but is focused on building a firewall around the Senate.

AP

Comments by press secretary Robert Gibbs angered House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

"What they wanted to do is separate themselves from us," Rep. William J. Pascrell, D-N.J., said Wednesday, expressing what he said was a widespread belief in his caucus that the White House wants the blame to fall on lawmakers for running poor campaigns should Democrats lose the majority in November.

"There's a growing sense of being taken for granted by this White House," said one House Democrat, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to talk openly about private discussions in the caucus. "The pressure's been building, and Gibbs kind of crystallized that." PAUL KANE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Avandia Gets Mixed Verdict From FDA Panel

Washington

There is sufficient evidence to be concerned that the diabetes drug Avandia increases the risk for heart attacks and strokes compared with other medications used to treat the common condition, but insufficient evidence that the drug increases the risk for death, federal advisers concluded Wednesday.

The votes were the first significant decisions in a series of nine recommendations the Food and Drug Administration panel was asked to make at the conclusion of a hearing aimed at determining the fate of Avandia. The committee must still take the most important vote: whether Avandia should be left on the market, be pulled or remain on the market with stronger warnings. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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World

Afghan Attacks Kill 8 Americans

Deadly 24 hours continues upward trend of casualties

Kabul, Afghanistan

American forces suffered a deadly 24 hours in Afghanistan, with eight troops killed in attacks including an audacious Taliban raid on a police compound in the key southern city of Kandahar, officials said Wednesday.

The U.S. and its coalition allies have warned that violence and troop casualties are likely to mount this summer as thousands of new forces fan out across southern insurgent strongholds in a bid to turn around the nearly nine-year-long war. However, a top U.S. commander in the south said Wednesday that the new operation should start reducing violence in coming months.

So far in July, 45 coalition troops have died in Afghanistan, 33 of them Americans, continuing the upward trend of the previous month, which was the war's deadliest for the NATO-led force, with 103 international soldiers killed.

A suicide attacker slammed a car bomb into the gate of the headquarters of the elite Afghan National Civil Order Police late Tuesday night in Kandahar, the international force said. Minutes later, insurgents opened fire with machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades.

Three U.S. troops, an Afghan policeman and five civilians — three interpreters and two security guards — died in the attack, but NATO said the insurgents failed to enter the compound. (AP)

ALLAUDDIN KHAN/AP

Afghan police secure a site that came under attack in Kandahar Wednesday. This month, 45 coalition troops have been killed.

'Community Watch on Steroids' to Fight Taliban

Afghan President Hamid Karzai has approved a U.S.-backed plan to create local defense forces across the country in an attempt to generate new grassroots opposition to the Taliban, U.S. and Afghan officials said Wednesday. The plan Karzai approved calls for the creation of as many as 10,000 "community police" who would be controlled and paid by the Interior Ministry, according to a senior Afghan government official. "It's a community watch on steroids," said a U.S. military official in Kabul. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Scientist Alleges CIA Abduction

Tehran, Iran

An Iranian nuclear scientist who disappeared a year ago headed back to Tehran on Wednesday, telling Iranian state media that he was abducted by CIA agents who tried to bribe him into speaking out against his homeland. The U.S. says he was a willing defector who changed his mind.

Shahram Amiri's reappearance broke into the open an often-bizarre intelligence drama. U.S. officials have dismissed accounts of a kidnapping and suggested Amiri returned home because he missed or feared for his family.

But much in the case remains mysterious, including the exact circumstances of how the defection fell apart and what information, if any, he provided about Iran's nuclear program.

On Wednesday, Iranian state media were heavily promoting the account that he was the victim of a CIA kidnapping, and politicians were declaring a victory over the "terrorist state" America — suggesting that the government, at least for now, would rather squeeze the scientist's return for propaganda value than overtly retaliate. (AP)

China Fences in Migrant Villages

Beijing

The government calls it "sealed management." China's capital has started gating and locking some of its lower-income neighborhoods overnight, with police or security checking identification papers around the clock, in a throwback to an older style of control.

It's Beijing's latest effort to reduce rising crime often blamed on the millions of rural Chinese migrating to cities for work. The capital's Communist Party secretary wants the approach promoted citywide. But some state media and experts say the move not only looks bad but imposes another layer of control on the already stigmatized, vulnerable migrants.

So far, gates have sealed off 16 villages in the sprawling southern suburbs, where migrants are attracted to cheaper rents and in some villages outnumber permanent residents 10 to one.

"In some ways, this is like the conflict between Americans and illegal immigrants in the States. The local residents feel threatened by the influx of migrants," Huang Youqin, an associate professor of geography at the University at Albany in New York who has studied gating and political control in China, said in an e-mail. "The risk is that the government can control people's private life if it wants to." (AP)

Argentina Debates Gay Marriage

NATACHA PISARENKO/AP

DEMONSTRATORS WAVE A GAY PRIDE FLAG outside Congress in support of a proposal to legalize same-sex marriage in Buenos Aires Wednesday. The lower house has already passed the bill, but the Senate is divided.

DE-CODED

A restoration project for Leonardo da Vinci's "Virgin of the Rocks" has revealed new details and suggests the Renaissance artist may have painted the picture all by himself, instead of with his assistants, as previously thought, Britain's National Gallery said Wednesday. (AP)

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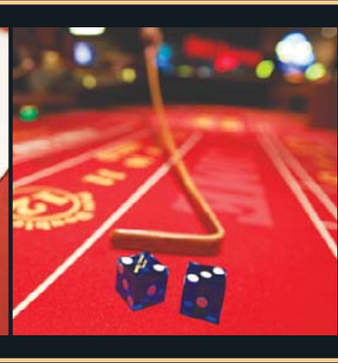

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World

In Brief

CAIRO

N.Y.C. Bomber Made Video

The man who pleaded guilty to carrying out the attempted Times Square car bombing appeared in a video recorded before the failed attack that shows him meeting with senior Pakistani Taliban leaders and vowing to strike the U.S. In the video, aired in segments Wednesday by the Dubai-based television station Al-Arabiya, Faisal Shahzad said the attack would avenge the deaths of Muslims killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. **(AP)**

EL-ARISH, EGYPT

Gaza-Bound Ship Diverts

A Libyan chartered aid ship trying to break Israel's Gaza blockade was steaming for an Egyptian port Wednesday after changing course in the Mediterranean Sea, bringing an end to the latest challenge to Israel's naval embargo. **(AP)**

SAO PAULO

A Slap Against Spanking

In Brazil, a swat to your child's bottom could soon get you slapped with a warning. President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva has sent a bill to Congress proposing that Brazil join about two dozen other countries that have moved to curb spanking. **(AP)**

Bull Run Ends

ALVARO BARRIENTOS/AP

TWO REVELERS SLEEP early in the morning before the start of the eighth and final running of the bulls in the San Fermin festival in Pamplona, Spain, on Wednesday.

U.S. Hands Over Saddam's Brass

Transfer signifies progress in restoring sovereignty to Iraq

Baghdad

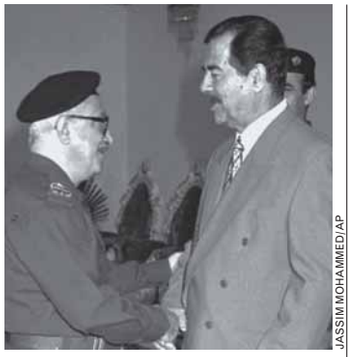
The U.S. said Wednesday it has handed over 55 former members of Saddam Hussein's inner circle, including the longtime international face of the regime, Tariq Aziz.

The announcement comes a day before U.S. authorities are to transfer authority of Camp Cropper, the last American-run detention facility, to the Iraqi government.

The transfer marks a major step toward restoring full sovereignty to Iraq as the U.S. military prepares to withdraw its forces from the country by the end of next year. But it also raised concerns about the fate of Aziz and the other detainees at the hands of a government whose venom for the previous regime has not lessened in the seven years since Saddam was overthrown.

Underscoring the challenges, the military said about 200 will remain in American custody, including eight former regime members, at the request of the Iraqi government.

Deputy Justice Minister Busho Ibrahim said the handover has taken place over the last three days, starting on Monday.



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Then-Iraqi Deputy Premier Tariq Aziz, left, greets Saddam Hussein in 1998.

"As of today, we have received 55 former regime officials; the main one is Tariq Aziz, and the others are the oil and culture ministers," he said Wednesday, adding that they have also received Saddam's former secretary, as well as former education and trade ministers.

Aziz, 74, is the most high-profile of the remaining former regime members who were rounded up by U.S. forces in the weeks and months after the 2003 invasion that ousted Saddam. He was acquitted in one trial but was sentenced last year to 15 years is prison for his role in the 1992 execution of 42 merchants found guilty of profiteering. **(AP)**

ART?

A huge outdoor art poster that blends Mickey Mouse's image with that of a swastika and a nude woman's body is causing a stir in Poland, where memories of the suffering inflicted by Nazi Germany remain strong. The poster, which went up in June in Poznan, just steps from a synagogue, is an Italian artist's take on what he calls the "horrors" of the American lifestyle. (AP)

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Va. Counterfeit Bills Exposed by Spanish Phrase

Manassas, Va.

Police in Prince William County have charged two Virginia men with possessing counterfeit $100 bills that had a Spanish phrase "BILLETE DE LA SUERTE ALASITAS" inscribed on them, roughly translating to "lucky ticket."

Last month an officer arrested 30-year-old Jose Portillio of Bealeton on drunken-driving charges and found three counterfeit bills. The investigation led to the arrest of 39-year-old Ronald Virto.

Police say Virto had 59 phony bills in his Manassas home and told police he brought them from

Museum Enshrines Dummies

Crash devices part of exhibit on evolution of automobile safety

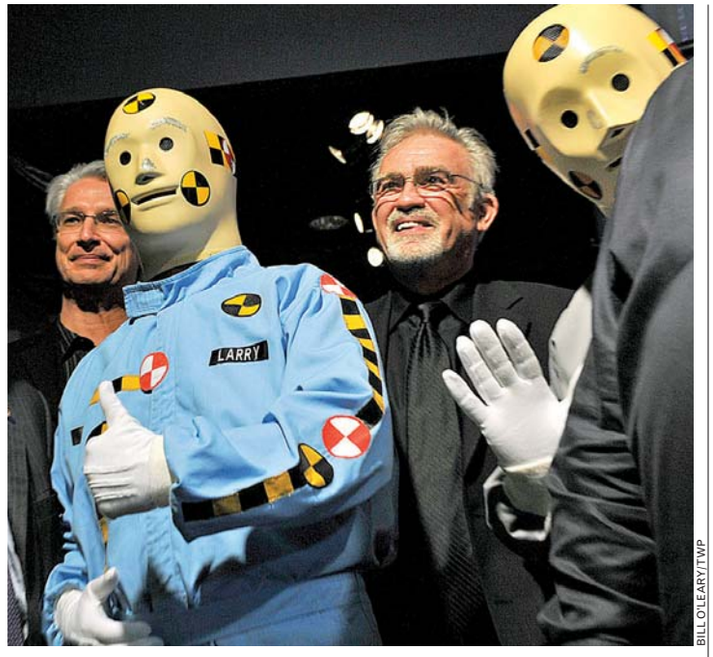
Washington

Showbiz has required Vince and Larry to break much more than a leg.

As crash dummies — or safety crash devices — the accident-prone duo have sacrificed piles of arms, suffered battered chests and endured countless cases of whiplash, all in the name of protecting drivers and passengers.

Now, some of their body parts and costumes belong to the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, which on Wednesday accepted a donation of several objects that reflect the evolution of automobile safety from the 1920s to the present.

"The objects in the collection reflect the technological developments of these things and the change of attitude on the part of everyone — motorists, even manufacturers," said Roger White, associate curator in the museum's Division of Work and Industry.



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Joel Machak, left, and William Dear created the crash dummy safety campaign.

"The objects in the collection reflect the technological development ... and the change of attitude on the part of everyone — motorists, even manufacturers."

— **ROGER WHITE,** ASSOCIATE CURATOR OF THE SMITHSONIAN'S NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY'S DIVISION OF WORK AND INDUSTRY.

The donated items are joining the museum's permanent exhibition about American transportation.

Also on hand were actors Tony Reitano and Whitney Rydbeck, who appeared as the much-abused pair in public awareness commercials during the 1980s and '90s that encouraged drivers to buckle up — essentially, real-life versions of Vince and Larry.

The gig was unusual, to say the least. Reitano recalled seeing people dressed as crash dummies at Halloween parties, while Rydbeck recalled that the role was a good fit because he used to work as a mime.

But the actors said they took the message behind the roles seriously. Rydbeck joked that he used to worry about the day newspapers would carry the headline, "Actor Who Played Crash Dummy Died for Not Buckling Up."

"I always buckle up, I'll tell you that," he said. **STEPHANIE LEE (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

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Rockville

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The fees go into effect Aug. 1. Park police may issue fines if they find owners not in compliance. **(AP)**

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Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	8-1-1
Mid-day Pick 4	8-1-4-6
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	6-1-2-7
Mid-day Cash 5	7-14-20-27-33
Evening Cash 5 (Tues.)	1-18-19-27-30

Stirring the Teapot

NAACP leaders ignite a firestorm, calling elements of the tea party racist

Washington

Is the "tea party" movement racist? That question arises because leaders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on Tuesday approved a resolution condemning racism within the tea party movement.

The NAACP's leaders approved the resolution during their annual convention in Kansas City. Final wording won't be released until the NAACP board of directors approves the move at a meeting in October.

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The percentage of self-identified tea party supporters who listed "discrimination against minority groups" as an extremely serious threat to well-being, according to a July Gallup survey.

But the resolution approved Tuesday "calls on the tea party and all people of good will to repudiate the racist element and activities within the tea party," said Hilary Shelton, director of the NAACP's Washington bureau.

Tea party leaders across the nation reacted with anger to the NAACP's actions.

Former Alaska governor Sarah Palin, a tea party favorite, issued a statement saying that NAACP claims that tea party members judge people by the color of their skin are "false and appalling."

Tea party activists say their loosely organized movement's guiding principles center on the need for a smaller federal government and lower taxes.

Charges of racism have surfaced in the past, largely in response to individuals at tea party meetings making comments or displaying signs that minority groups find offensive.

It is true that the demographics of tea party groups are overwhelmingly white, according to polls. A recent Gallup survey found that 79 percent of tea party supporters are non-Hispanic whites. Only 6 percent are non-Hispanic blacks. A Gallup analysis notes, however, that these figures are not wildly different from the representation of these groups in the population as a whole.

But these figures reveal little about tea party activists' racial attitudes, writes University of Maryland at Baltimore County political scientist Tom Schaller on the political blog Five Thirty Eight.

Data from an April University of Washington poll "paint a more complicated picture" of the tea party, according to Schaller.

This survey found that only 35 percent of tea party adherents rated blacks as "hard-working." Among whites who disapprove of the tea party, the comparable figure was 55 percent.

Some 45 percent of tea partiers judged blacks "intelligent," according to the University of Washington poll. By comparison, 59 percent of anti-tea party whites viewed blacks as intelligent.

Some conservatives believe there is a systematic attempt to demonize the tea party, and there is probably some truth to that. "But in the same vein," Schaller writes, "aberrant opinions espoused by tea partiers or their sympathizers should neither be ignored nor papered-over." **PETER GRIER (CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR)**

JUSTIN SULLIVAN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Members of the tea party movement protest at a Democratic fundraiser in San Francisco in May 2010.

Her-say

"I am saddened by the NAACP's claim that patriotic Americans who stand up for the United States of America's Constitutional rights are somehow 'racists.'"

— **SARAH PALIN**, WRITING ON HER FACEBOOK PAGE IN RESPONSE TO THE NAACP'S RESOLUTION.

His-say

"We've seen the signs, we've heard the slurs, and all we're asking is for you to act responsibly and say there's no space for bigots in the Tea Party."

— **BENJAMIN JEALOUS**, THE NAACP'S PRESIDENT AND CEO, SPEAKING ABOUT TEA PARTY LEADERS IN AN INTERVIEW WITH WASHINGTON POST COLUMNIST E.J. DIONNE JR.

Is the NAACP Relevant?

One clear point has emerged from the NAACP's convention in Kansas City: The civil rights organization is intent on being seen as still relevant.

In addition to the group's urging tea party activists to repudiate racist elements in their ranks, NAACP President Benjamin Jealous released a letter to BP chief executive Tony Hayward, asking to meet with company officials to discuss his "outrage" that minority contractors are apparently being left out in the cleanup of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

The organization also hopes to open up a debate on charter schools, and has invited Education Secretary Arne Duncan, Harlem Children's Zone founder Geoffrey Canada and others to discuss the issue.

The mix of controversial positions comes amid promises from Jealous and new NAACP chairman Roslyn Brock to inject energy into the organization, which spent the last two years answering questions about whether it remains necessary after the election of the nation's first black president. **(THE WASHINGTON POST)**

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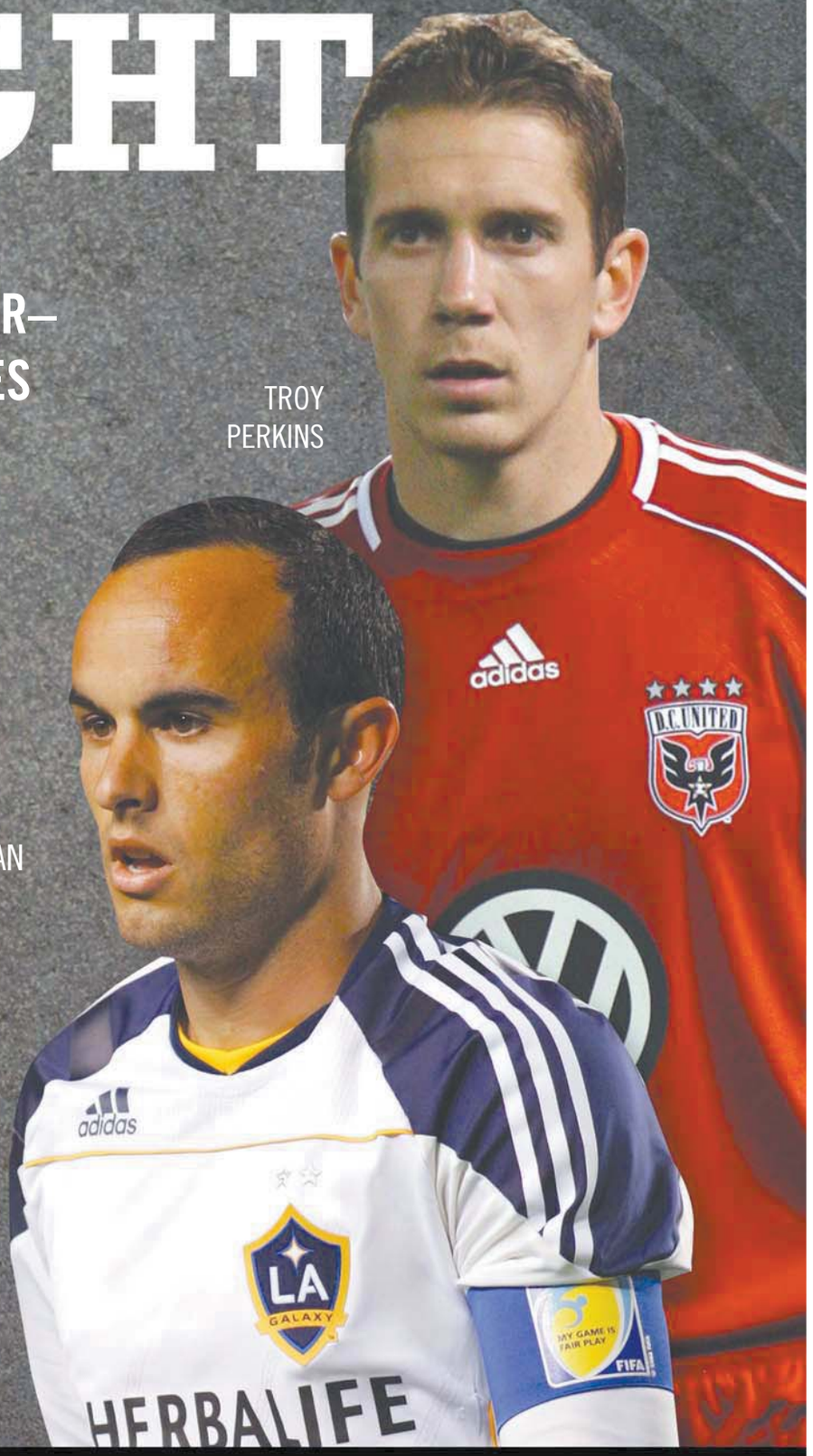

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FIVE STORIES DOWN THE STRETCH

With the Nats comfortably out of contention, it's time to focus on who may be around come October

IN ONE SENSE, the outcome of Tuesday night's All-Star Game ended a period of tyranny by the American League East Division. Since baseball began attaching home-field advantage in the World Series to the outcome of the midsummer classic in 2003, an AL East team enjoyed that privilege in five of the seven World Series that followed.

Thanks to the National League's 3-1 victory at Angel Stadium on Tuesday night, it would be an NL team that hosts a potential World Series game 7 this November — and based on the current standings, it quite possibly could be a team that hasn't witnessed a Fall Classic in many an age.

As the season's second half opens Thursday night, there is still much to be decided and much to be done. Here are the biggest story lines to watch the rest of the way:

RONALD MARTINEZ/GETTY IMAGES

1. Deadline deals

The unofficial start of the second half came last week, when the Rangers pulled off a blockbuster trade for lefty Cliff Lee — a move that seemed as much designed with October in mind as for July, August and September.

As the July 31 trade deadline looms, the list of available talent is impressive. It could include, in no particular order, Houston Astros pitcher Roy Oswalt; Cleveland pitchers Fausto Carmona, Jake Westbrook and Kerry Wood; Washington Nationals sluggers Adam Dunn and Josh Willingham; Baltimore Orioles pitcher Jeremy Guthrie and infielder Ty Wigginton; Chicago Cubs lefty Ted Lilly and Milwaukee Brewers All-Star Corey Hart.

And there is no shortage of contending teams looking for help. The Padres, Braves, Giants and Rays all need an impact bat. The Yankees and Tigers need help in the seventh and eighth innings. The Phillies, Mets and Twins are in desperate need of starting pitching.

2. Contenders or pretenders?

None of the six first-place teams at the break had leads of more than 4 ½ games, the first time that could be said since the dawn of the wild-card era. No fewer than 10 teams in the NL and eight teams in the AL are within five games of a postseason slot. So, the teams that would make the playoffs today (your wild card winners would be Tampa Bay and Colorado) won't necessarily be the ones who ultimately qualify.

Some of the current first-place teams are having a hard time convincing folks they are for real, and all are being chased by potentially dangerous teams — the Phillies and the Cardinals come immediately to mind — but if you arrive in mid-July in first place, you are not a fluke.

3. Big Stars off the DL

Plenty of teams in the coming weeks are going to get the boost of an additional impact player without having to make a trade. Nowhere is that more true than in Boston, where the third-place Red Sox — overwhelmed by injuries this season — are due to see the returns of second baseman Dustin Pedroia, Josh Beckett, Clay Buchholz, Victor Martinez, Jacoby Ellsbury and Manny Delcarmen within the next month or so.

"I've never seen anything like this, or heard of anything like this happening to another team," Buchholz, a first-time All-Star, said this week. "But the people who have filled in have done an amazing job of keeping us in [contention], and, hopefully, as we start getting guys back, we'll start to take off."

4. Innings Limits

The industry-wide fear of overextending young pitchers could cost some teams down the stretch. Already, we have seen the Yankees skip one of Phil Hughes' starts, with more skipped starts and extra days off to come. In San Diego, the Padres are keeping close tabs on 22-year-old ace-in-training Mat Latos, who is already up to 106 2/3 innings after throwing only 123 (minors and majors combined) in all of 2009. He could get the skipped-start treatment down the stretch — or he could go on the disabled list for a strained muscle in his side that cropped up two weeks ago.

"At his age, we need to protect him. It would be nice to get him a two-week breather [to] let him freshen up," said Padres Manager Bud Black, a coach for the NL All-Star team.

BRIAN BAHR/GETTY IMAGES

5. The Showalter Era in Baltimore

It appears the Orioles, who lurched to the All-Star break with the worst record in baseball, are prepared to announce the hiring of Buck Showalter as Dave Trembley's replacement in the manager's office.

The bold move would end a monthlong search process and snap a string of three-straight rookie managers (Lee Mazzilli, Sam Perlozzo and Trembley), perhaps sending a message that a change in culture is what was needed. Showalter has his detractors — he is known as a micromanager and an abrasive personality. But given the Orioles' history, maybe those attributes are not such a bad thing. **DAVE SHEININ (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

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Sports

Lance Fears Witch Hunt

Armstrong awaits 'fair investigation' into doping charges

Cycling

Lance Armstrong said Wednesday he will cooperate with a "fair investigation" but not a "witch hunt" into allegations that he and his former cycling team were involved in doping.

Armstrong was responding to reports of a federal investigation of possible fraud and doping charges against him and former associates. The New York Times reported that authorities have issued grand jury subpoenas to witnesses as part of the probe into allegations made by American cyclist Floyd Landis.

Landis, who was stripped of his 2006 Tour title for doping, said the use of banned substances was common on the U.S. Postal team when he rode with Armstrong.

CHRISTOPHE ENA/AP

Lance Armstrong sits in 31st place after 10 stages of the Tour de France.

"Like I said, as long as we have a legitimate and credible and fair investigation, we'll be happy to cooperate, but I'm not going to participate in any kind of witch hunt," the seven-time Tour de France winner said. Armstrong said stories are being leaked to the media as part of an "agenda" against him, and he questioned the need for a federal probe.

"Would the American people feel like this is a good use of their tax dollars?" he said. "That's for them to decide." (AP)

Meanwhile ...

Sergio Paulinho of Portugal gave Team RadioShack its first success of the 2010 Tour de France on Wednesday, winning the 10th stage in a two-man sprint among breakaway riders. Andy Schleck of Luxembourg, above, retained the yellow jersey. He finished in the main pack more than 14 minutes back alongside his biggest rivals for the title as the race left the Alps. (AP)

Braves Make Deal for Gonzalez

Pro Baseball

Aiming to stay atop the National League East as the second half of the season begins Thursday, the Atlanta Braves acquired shortstop Alex Gonzalez and sent Yunel Escobar to the Toronto Blue Jays in a five-player trade on Wednesday.

The Braves traded Escobar and left-hander Jo-Jo Reyes to the Blue Jays for Gonzalez, left-handed minor-league pitcher Tim Collins and minor-league shortstop Tyler Pastornicky.

The 33-year-old Gonzalez is hitting .259 with 17 home runs and 50 RBI. He is tied for fifth in the American League with 43 extra-base hits.

Gonzalez began his career with Florida in 1998.

The 27-year-old Escobar is hitting .238 with no homers and 19 RBI. Reyes, with Triple-A Gwinnett, has a 5-15 career record with Atlanta. (AP)

TV Lineup

GOLF (5 A.M., ESPN) Will it be Tiger Woods, Tom Watson or someone else who grabs headlines on the first day of the British Open at St. Andrews.

SOCCER (8 P.M., ESPN2) D.C. United hosts the struggling Seattle Sounders as soccer fans turn their attention to MLS.

CYCLING (8:30 A.M., VERSUS) The Tour de France reaches Stage 11, which goes from Sisteron to Bourg-les-Valence, France.

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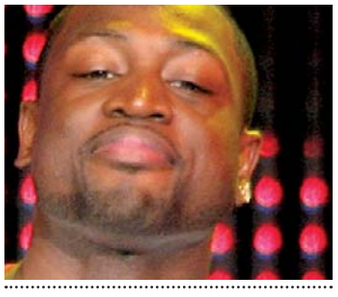

"The Lakers are the champions. ... That's the team that everyone's shooting for, and they should be. Not the Miami Heat."

— **DWYANE WADE,** WHO SAYS THE LOS ANGELES LAKERS SHOULD BE THE FAVORITES TO WIN THE NBA TITLE DESPITE MIAMI'S FREE AGENT BONANZA.

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Sports

It Never Gets Old for Watson

Five-time champion back at Open after heartbreaking loss

Golf

Tom Watson knew the old guys were in his corner.

What caught him off guard was all the young folks who were inspired by his heartbreaking loss at last year's British Open.

"I hadn't had any kids come up to me for years. It was always kids coming up to me saying, 'My grandmother loves you,'" Watson said Wednesday with a chuckle. "But these kids came up and said, 'Hey, Mr. Watson, that was great last year at the British Open.' That's been a wonderful sidelight to what happened."

Imagine what it would have been like if the putt on the 72nd hole had dropped in the cup instead of bending off weakly at the end.

Eight feet. That's how close Watson was to becoming a champion for the ages. A few months shy of his 60th birthday and poised to become the oldest major winner in golf history, he nearly pulled it off. But an approach shot that went a little too far and a potential clinching par putt that never had a chance snuffed out the fairy-tale ending.

Watson finished regulation tied with Stewart Cink, who won the four-hole playoff in a rout.

Watson insists that he got over the disappointment in about 24 hours. But make no mistake: It sure hurt when he stood there on the 18th green at Turnberry, congratulating Cink on his first major title. "The loss is hard to take," Watson said. "It tore my guts up. But my guts have been torn up before out here in this game."

Showing there were no hard feelings, Watson accepted Cink's offer to play a practice round together at St. Andrews Tuesday. They even paused for a picture together as they crossed over the famous Swilcan Bridge on the 18th hole. "I don't feel sorry for him," Cink said. "He's got five claret jug titles, and I only have one."

As for the state of his game, Watson said he's putting as well as ever but doesn't think his iron play is quite as sharp as it was at Turnberry.

Then again, Watson turned in respectable showings at the first two majors of the year — 18th at the Masters, 29th at the U.S. Open — so it's obvious he's still got game. "It's no different than what it was," he said, "except I've got an artificial hip. I'm a little stiffer, and I don't hit the ball as far. I do have a little more experience under my belt." (AP)

TIM HALES/AP

Tom Watson was oh, so close to becoming the oldest winner of a major at Turnberry last year. He lost in a playoff to Stewart Cink.

Open With All the Elements

The locals are famous for saying that if it's "nae rain and nae wind then it's nae golf." On the eve of the British Open, there was rain and there was wind (just ask Thomas Bjorn, left). Like always, the weather will be as big a factor as Tiger Woods or Phil Mickelson at the venerable St. Andrews. The Royal and Ancient, which runs the tournament, doesn't get wrapped up in scores. It lets nature decide that. "The forecast for the championship is changeable — blustery, showery conditions," R&A chief executive Peter Dawson said, barely able to contain a grin. "Pretty good for links golf." (AP)

PRIOR TOURNAMENTS AT ST. ANDREWS

2005
The last time the Open came to St. Andrews, there was only one round of a stiff breeze, and Tiger Woods won by five shots.

2000
Ten years ago on a sun-baked links, Woods set a major championship record at 19-under 269 for an eight-shot win in perfect weather.

1995
There was nasty weather in 1995, but that didn't deter John Daly, who finished at 6-under 282 and won a playoff.

109,901

The number of fans that the University of Michigan's newly renovated football stadium will be able to hold this season, the school announced Wednesday. Once a three-year renovation is finished later this month, the Big House will officially be the country's largest football stadium. (AP)

In Brief

AP

Thierry Henry is set to make his New York Debut July 22 against Tottenham.

SOCCER

Henry Joins Red Bulls

Stop the rumors about French striker Thierry Henry joining the New York Red Bulls. He's here. The 32-year-old former Arsenal and Barcelona player signed a multiyear contract on Wednesday, and he is expected to make his Red Bulls' debut on July 22 in an exhibition against Premier League club Tottenham. (AP)

SKIING

Olympic Champ Miller Nears Return to Slopes

Olympic gold medalist Bode Miller may not be ready for retirement just yet. Miller's return for another season on the slopes appears almost imminent after he signed and submitted his contract to be a member of the U.S. Ski Team. (AP)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Vanderbilt Coach Retires

Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson retired abruptly Wednesday as the Commodores' head coach for what he called personal reasons. The 59-year-old called it a very difficult decision but one not prompted by health concerns. The news comes nearly three weeks before players report to fall practice and seven weeks before Vanderbilt's season opener against Northwestern. (AP)

PRO BASKETBALL

King Takes Over Nets

Billy King is the New Jersey Nets' new general manager. King was hired Wednesday to replace Rod Thorn as the team's top executive, new owner Mikhail Prokhorov announced in a release. Contract terms were not immediately available. (AP)

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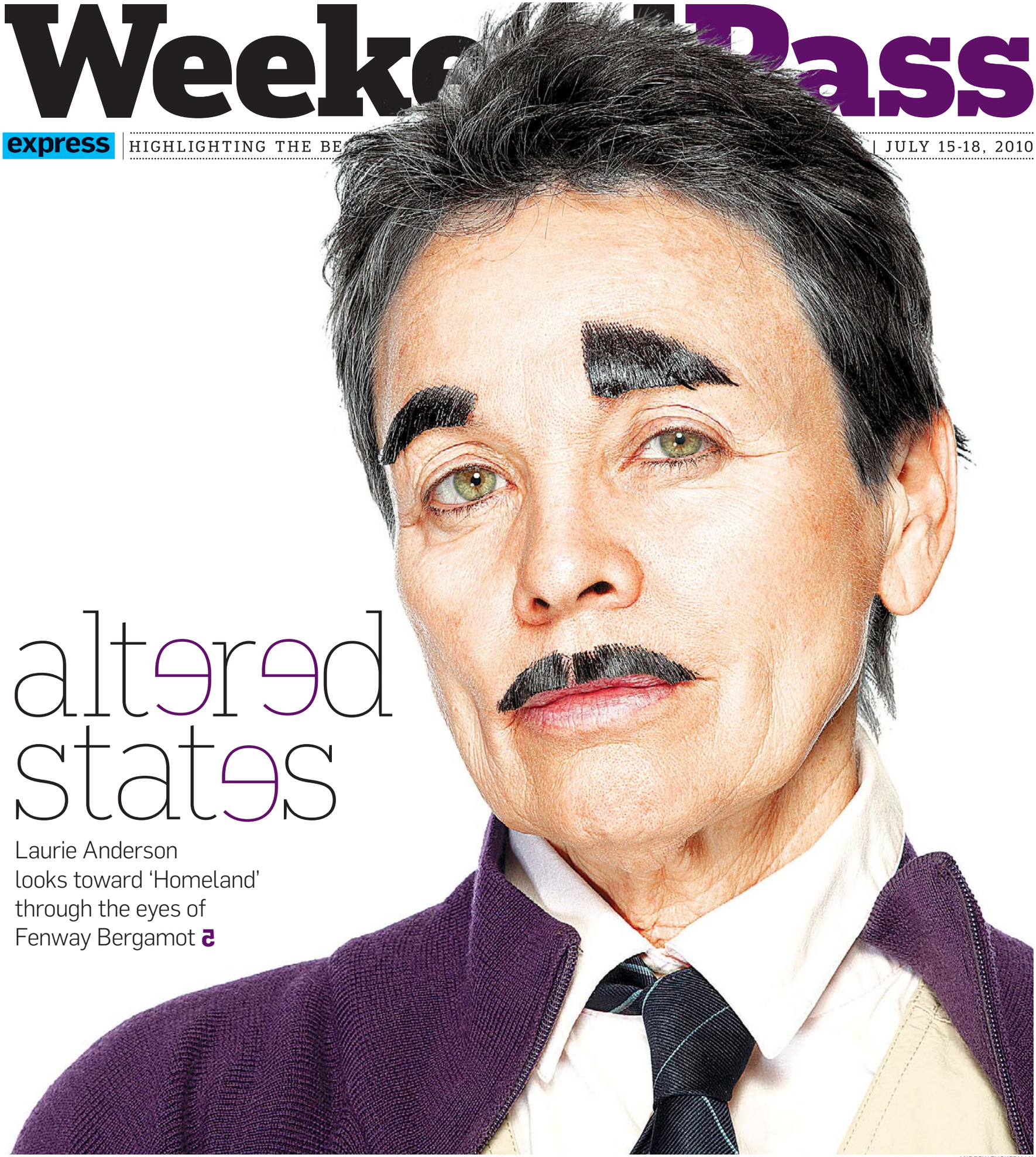

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Laurie Anderson looks toward 'Homeland' through the eyes of Fenway Bergamot 2

ANDREW ZUCKERMAN

on the spot

AS A PROFESSOR OF Sociology and Women's Studies and chair of American Studies at Wheelock College in Massachusetts, Gail Dines studies what some people watch for pleasure and others can't stand to see: pornography. In her new book, "Pornland: How Porn Has Hijacked Our Sexuality," she explores the trend of "gonzo" porn and how it is seeping into every facet of pop culture.

What initially drew you to this?

Actually, it was by accident. I was working in a rape crisis center and someone gave a slideshow about looking at pornography in the home. I couldn't believe what I was seeing. The images just changed my life. I'd never seen such level of cruelty and violence, and I had no idea that men made this kind of stuff or that other men found it arousing. Being a feminist and being in the anti-violence movement, I felt propelled to do something about pornography.

In the book, you're careful to state your own position. Are there often misperceptions about your field?

Absolutely. People assume that if you're anti-pornography, you're anti-sex. That's the misperception: that this is about sex. Pornography is not sex, but the industrialization and commodification of sex. If this was a book about the fast-food industry, no one would accuse me of being anti-eating.

MARK KARLSBERG/STUDIOELEVEN

Gail Dines

PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY AND WOMEN'S STUDIES, CHAIR OF AMERICAN STUDIES, WHEELOCK COLLEGE

"People assume that if you're anti-pornography, you're anti-sex. Pornography is not sex."

In what ways do you think that being a parent yourself informs your work?

Having a boy was very profound, actually. It made me realize that the pornographers have a very specific image of men as sexual predators, and I absolutely refuse to accept that my son and all his friends are sexual predators.

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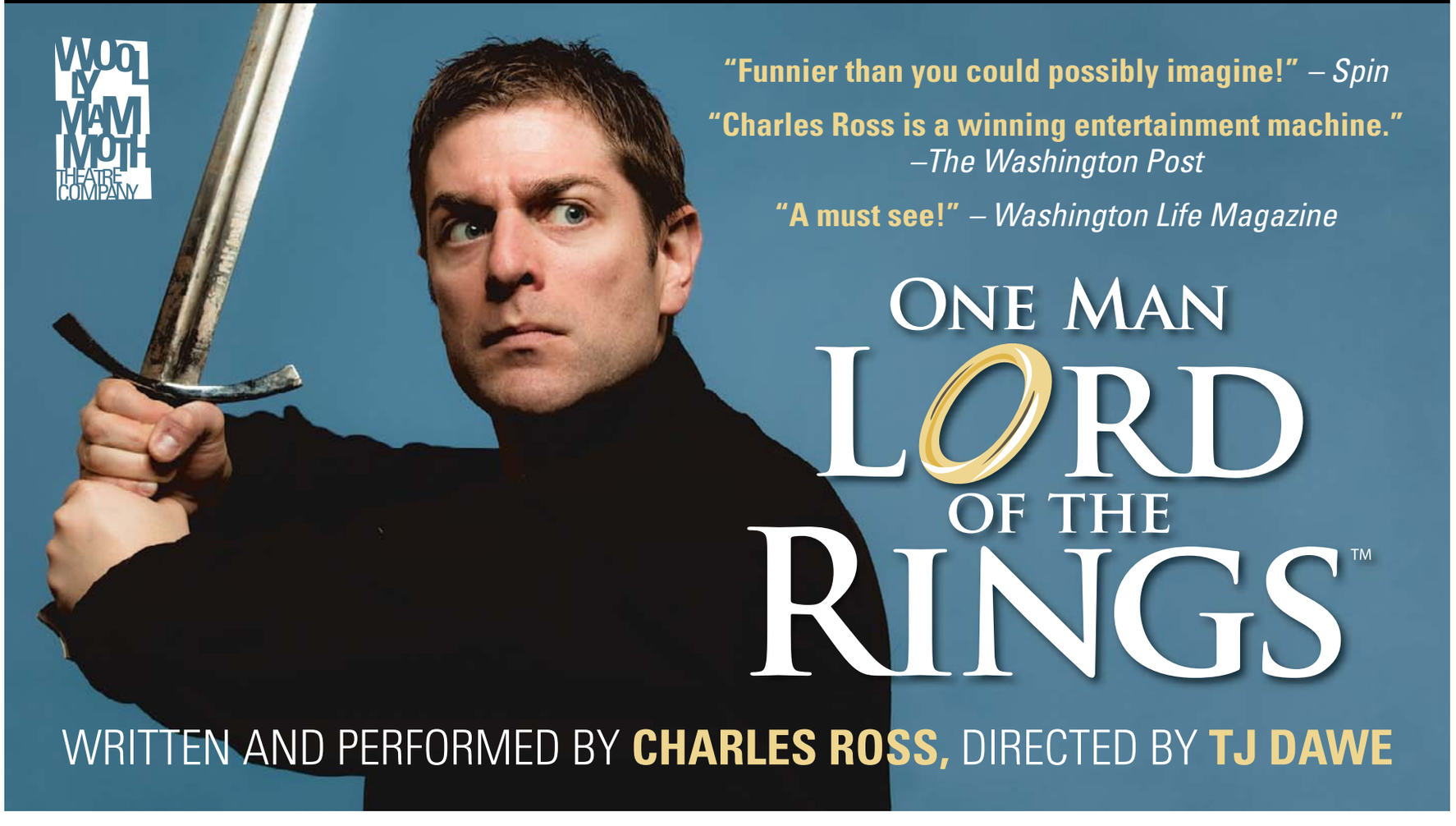

All the World's a Movie Screen

Screen on the Green is back with another season of classics

Film

The National Mall is steeped in tradition and covered with historical landmarks. If the Lincoln Memorial disappeared or the Reflecting Pool dried up, it's safe to say people would get pretty irate. And it seems that Washingtonians consider Screen on the Green, the annual outdoor film festival on the Mall, just as important.

In 2009, the then-10-year-old event was canceled due to lack of funding. Enter Save Screen on the Green. The group started a Facebook and Twitter campaign to save the outdoor film festival and was met with overwhelming support. In classic David and Goliath fashion, the campaign succeeded. HBO and Comcast brought it back at the last minute. This year, the group started a preemptive campaign and once again succeeded. Now Save Screen on the Green has more than 4,300 fans on Facebook.

The 11th annual Screen on the Green kicked off Monday and continues weekly until Aug. 2. The festival boasts timeless movies (films kids may think are lame, but are worth watching), including Neil Simon's "The Goodbye Girl," Sidney Lumet's "12 Angry Men" and Arthur Penn's "Bonnie and Clyde."

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This season's offerings include director Arthur Penn's 1967 "Bonnie and Clyde."

If you can't make it out to the screen's spot between 4th and 7th streets, or want to check out films from festivals past, you can watch the movies with Video-On-Demand. But if you can, bring a blanket, hop off at the Metro at the Smithsonian stop and enjoy a Washington tradition that many have fought to keep alive.

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Laurie Anderson makes performance pop personal with 'Homeland'

He stares back at you from the cover of Laurie Anderson's new album, "Homeland," his head tilted to the side as if to size you up, one enormous eyebrow raised wryly. Sporting a crooked tie and a disheveled sweater, he looks like Groucho Marx as a college professor: both silly and wise.

His name is Fenway Bergamot, and he is the longtime alter ego of Anderson, a performance artist, writer and musician based in New York. She invented the persona 30 years ago as nothing but a deep, rumbling voice, "the voice of a pompous windbag," she explains. "It was fun to tweak people who are telling you what to do. It came out of the box every few years, and I would use that voice again and again."

Fenway popped up unannounced while Anderson was writing songs for "Homeland," only this time something had changed. First of all, he took on physical characteristics, namely the large eyebrows and mustache. "I was doing a photo session, and they had some eyebrows there, so I started cutting them up and putting them on. And I thought, 'Hey, that looks like Fenway Bergamot.'"

More crucially, Anderson says, he sounded different, somehow sadder and more sagacious. He wasn't his old blowhard self, but an arch, if rambling, observer of postmillennial America. "This time when it came out of the box, it was meandering and melancholic, and I thought, 'This is interesting.'"

With his impossibly low voice (Anderson's, distorted by a filter of her own devising), Fenway narrates "Another Day in America," the centerpiece of "Homeland." It's a virtuoso performance, an aria of bizarre logical leaps and oddly tender ruminations about national memory.

According to Anderson, Fenway is "kind of a jump-cut character," one that allows her to "talk in a way your mind might jump from one thing to another."

In that regard, it's easy to see why Fenway might appeal to Anderson, an artist whose mind is always making connections between critical and social theories, visual art, music and technology. Her career — even her life — appears to be a process of constant discovery, which can be both overwhelming and invigorating.

By Anderson's own admission, recording "Homeland" was an unexpectedly immense undertaking for her. The album swirls together a complex mix of sounds, establishing strange juxtapositions between Anderson's violin, the cooing vocals of singer Antony Hegarty and the otherworldly sounds of Tuvan musicians playing handmade Asian instruments.

Anderson is a methodical artist whose perfectionism enables a sense of questing discovery but often creates delays. At one point she found herself alone with a million sound files, far too many to keep in her head at once. Her husband, Lou Reed, helped her sift through and edit that immense library of ideas into coherent songs, and the result is as revelatory as it is haunting, a well-observed and strangely poignant snapshot of this moment in American history.

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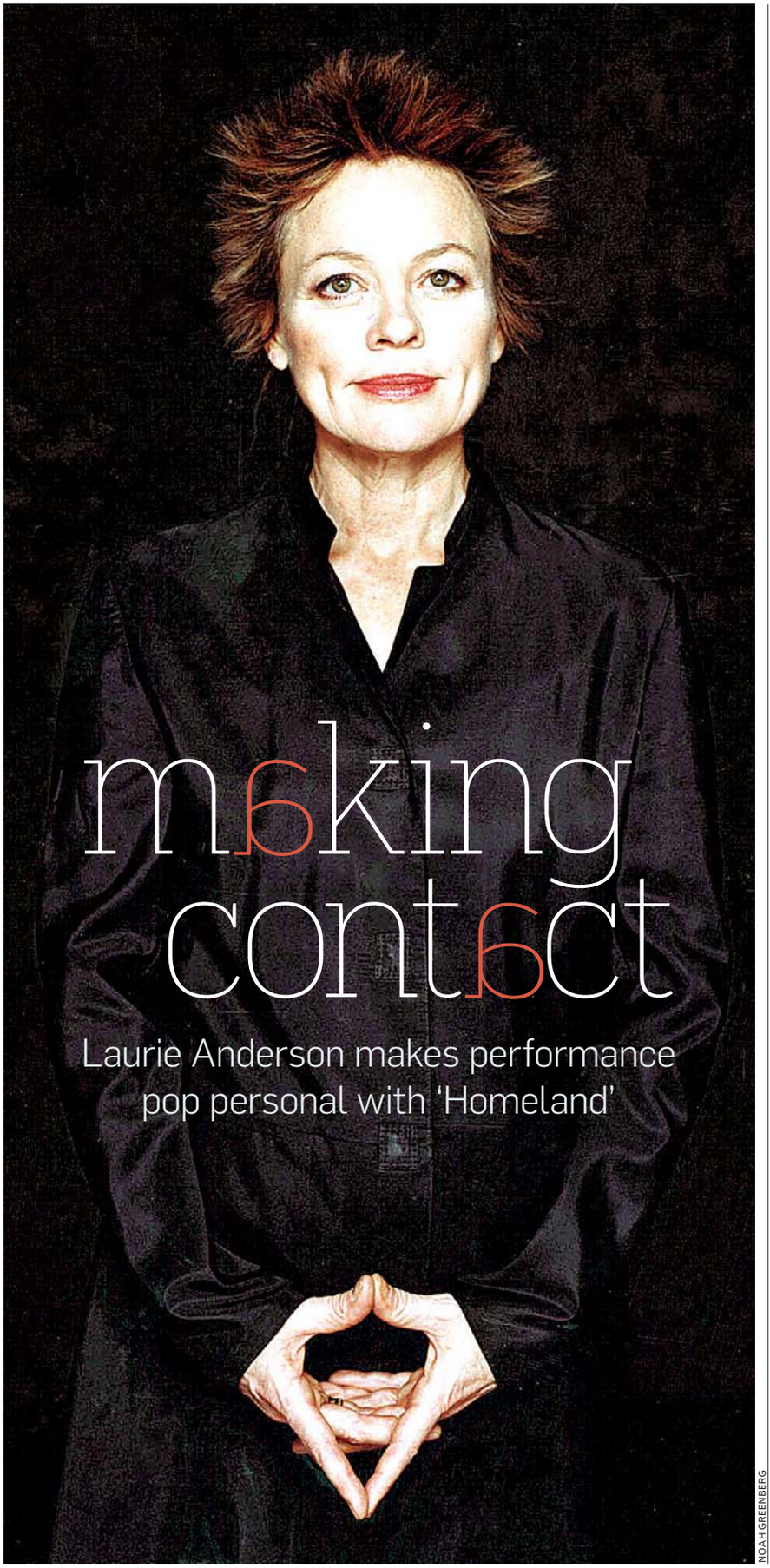
Although "Homeland" addresses the current financial crisis and the ongoing wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, it is not an especially political album. It is, however, a very public album, told from constantly shifting American perspectives. "This is the way the world is now, so we thought about how there could be a little more tenderness, a little more ragged edges," she explains. "I feel a lot of contact with people doing these songs. They're very intimate."

And yet, Anderson admits the album includes some of her most personal music, especially "The Lake," an intensely affectionate song about her father. "I've never been a confessional singer-songwriter, but this probably comes the closest in some ways," she explains. "I just wanted to make something for him — something very simple because he was a very simple guy."

It's an affecting moment on an ambitious album. "That's what the record's trying to be — not so perfect," Anderson explains. "Things can't be tied up. Our lives are just too messy. And that's OK. I love a great mess. 'Homeland' is trying to express what it's like to live in the middle of these conflicts and not try to resolve them all." **STEPHEN M. DEUSNER**



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The Circle Remains Unbroken

Kohoutek brings a '60s acid-rock hero to a new generation of freaked-out fans

Music

As bandleader of the Golden Dawn, an unsung 1960s acid-rock group from Austin, Texas, George Kinney lived on the psychedelic edge of the era's musical explorations. Kinney's crazed howl and sun-drenched blues guitar can still be heard on the band's sole record, 1968's "Power Plant," a psychedelic cult classic, if you can find it.

Now an outlaw troubadour on a country kick, Kinney is enjoying recent renewed interest in Austin's fabled fuzz-toned rock scene, which also included the wall-melting music of Roky Erickson and the 13th Floor Elevators.

"The psychedelic sound of the 1960s was a state of mind that reflected the time and place in which it occurred and cannot be imitated with much success today," says Kinney.

"It's like Plato's idea that most of our existence is just a picture of a picture ... far removed from essence. I try hard to capture the essence of my life and express that in my music."

"The psychedelic sound of the 1960s was a state of mind that reflected the time and place in which it occurred."

Revering Kinney as a real rock 'n' roll rebel, the members of locally based Kohoutek, a rogue improvisational collective that counts the Texas rocker as a key influence, in 2005 offered to set up a tour for Kinney with Kohoutek serving as a de facto Golden Dawn.

DAN COHOON

Kohoutek backs seasoned psych-rocker George Kinney for a rare slate of shows.

The plan resulted in only one performance together, at a used record store in Baltimore. But the seed that was planted finally sprouted a five-day 2010 East Coast trek, including tonight's show at the Velvet Lounge.

"What we're attempting to do as George's backing band is present some of those songs in a modern context," says Scott Verrastro, Kohoutek's core member and percussionist. He says the group also plans to pull from Kinney's current solo songbook.

"George refuses to be a nostalgia act and we respect him for it," says Verrastro. However, he adds, "George isn't really interested in spontaneous composition either," meaning the group will have to temporarily scale back its usual space travel and forays into free jazz.

But Kohoutek guitarist John Stanton says rehearsals with Kinney have been a trip. "We've gotten a charge out of this collaboration and it'll be great to bring it to the stage." **JOHNATHAN RICKMAN**

● *Velvet Lounge, 915 U St. NW; Thu., with Pablonious Bill, 8:30 p.m., $8; 202-462-3213. (U St.-Cardozo)*

Cinema's Slap-Happy History

Slapsticon pays filmic homage to the wise guys of comedy

Film

The name "Slapsticon" may be a bit misleading, admits film programmer Richard Roberts. "But what we're really running is every sort of visual comedy. ... It's not four days of people hitting each other with pies."

That said, Rosslyn's annual film festival of rare silent and early sound comedies may seem a bit overwhelming if you're not among the comedy film scholars who'll be flocking there from across the country. (Fortunately, there are detailed program guides for sale along with the tickets.)

"We're even showing one drama" this year, Roberts notes. "The Round-Up' is a 1920 Western starring Roscoe 'Fatty' Arbuckle in a completely serious role as the sheriff. And it was his first feature film." The other offerings are strictly non-serious, though, and since the focus is on gags, the corniness quotient is typically low. (Many flicks are only one or two reels long, so the boredom quotient's usually low, too. And, frankly, many of those pre-CGI stunts hold up even today.)

COURTESY SLAPSTICON

Slapsticon includes rarities like the 1959 Abbot and Costello flick "Africa Screams."

Thursday night is Abbott and Costello night, including "all sorts of home movies, outtakes, newsreel appearances" and a heretofore never-before-seen version of "Who's on First?" The main feature is 1949's "Africa Screams," which co-stars their friends Shemp Howard and his future Three Stooges replacement, Joe Besser.

Children under 12 get in free with an adult, and Friday morning is actually devoted to "Kids 'n' Animals" films from the 1920s (i.e. the pre-child labor law era). The lineup includes an "Our Gang" short and one featuring "Snooky the Humanzee," who Roberts describes as "an amazing trained chimp dressed in overalls; smokes a pipe and wears a hat. The weird thing was, Snooky was a female. So it was a trained, cross-dressing chimp." **PAUL STELTER**

● *Rosslyn Spectrum Theatre, 1611 N. Kent St., Arlington, Va.; Thu. through Sun., passes $16-$99; 703-228-1850.*

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Islands in the Stream

D.C.'s the Caribbean makes moody pop that shimmers like a sun-spotted dream

Music

The name brings to mind breezy, easygoing island music, but the Caribbean draws from a host of disparate and strange sources. Over several years and various iterations, the Caribbean has crafted a highly complex sound, spinning strange tales with folk-tinged delivery inside a dense array of surprising sonic fragments. The band's albums are lush, textured affairs, often anchored by acoustic instruments as they float atop manipulated samples and synthetic flourishes. It's heady music without being aggressive or proggy.

The group's new album, "Discontinued Perfumes," will come out this October on Hometapes. And multi-instrumentalist Matt Byers said it's the band's tightest output so far. "

"With ['Discontinued Perfumes'], we wanted to be more focused, have a clear point and more emotional directness," he said. "It's basically about being hyper-prepared with your parts and being able to embrace the unexpected," Byers said. "The best thing is happy accidents that you couldn't re-create if you wanted to."

Such free-form happenings drove the creative process, Byers said. "It's hard to decide what's intentional in art. Like most bands, we don't set out and say, 'We're going to do this.' You use a part of your brain that doesn't work in a logical way, and something just comes out."

Of course, he explained, it isn't all the luck of the musical draw; editing certainly comes into play as well. "Any of us are experienced enough and skilled enough to think of five or 10 things to do on any song. It's a matter of choosing what's best."

NICK HELDERMAN

Local pop trio the Caribbean composes songs that seem stripped down but are surprisingly layered and musically complex.

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> — **MATT BYERS,** MULTI-INSTRUMENTALIST FOR THE CARIBBEAN

The new album draws from a number of unlikely sources. "There are at least two songs where the main idea has come from articles in the New Yorker," Byers noted. And Lyricist Michael Kentoff has always brought unusual themes into the band's music. According to Byers, "Michael has certain ideas that consistently intrigue him. Surveillance and undercover work seem to come out in his work."

Taking so many parts into a live setting might seem daunting, but, Byers said, "We don't try to replicate. We try to reinvent it in the spirit of something that works better in a live setting." **RYAN LITTLE**

● *Galaxy Hut, 2711 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; Sun., 9 p.m., $5; 703-525-8646. (Court House)*

Down On the Avenue

KATHY WILLENS/AP

I DON'T WANNA GROW UP: Coming of age is tough, even for puppets. Catch "Avenue Q" at the Shakespeare Theatre's Lansburgh Theatre through Aug. 15. 450 7th St. NW; $76-$86; 202- 547-1122.

The Serial Killer Next Door

A dark new play mines the horrors of dating and mating

Theater

The moment you walk into the back of the Playbill Café and receive your plastic tarp, you really begin to get a sense of what to expect from "The Horrors of Online Dating."

This is no quirky farce about the traps of modern courtship. It's a whimsically grotesque musical where the blood of innocents flows across the stage and onto members of the audience, all of whom are clad, Gallagher-style, in protective plastic bags.

Jenny Donovan plays Judy, a pill-addled psychopath with a dull day job and a habit of hacking apart the unsuspecting men she meets online. A roster of hallucinated characters (mostly portrayed by puppets) goads her on in her murder spree. These figments of her imagination include a vampish, lipsticked laptop; an anthropomorphic bottle of pills; and a spiteful talking cat with outsized testicles.

Judy's life takes an unexpected turn when she meets Francis Rabassa, a sleazy self-help guru who she thinks is the key to getting "uncrazy." As expected, it's a little hard to chase the crazy out of Judy, and she winds up taking him prisoner and snipping off his digits as he fails to cure her.

MOLOTOV THEATRE GROUP

Molotov Theatre Group explores the angst of dating with a creepy new play.

Donovan plays Judy with bulging eyes and labored breathing. Her castmates are no less charged with maniacal energy, each of them bringing a giddy enthusiasm to the roundly vile cast of characters.

"Online Dating" is standard fare for the Molotov Theatre Group, which celebrates the graphically violent, amoral Grand Guignol style of theater. The show's musical numbers, which include live acoustic guitar accompaniment, add a little bit of lightness to the proceedings, but the show is not for those with delicate sensibilities. **DAN MILLER**

● *1409 Playbill Cafe, 1409 14th St. NW; Wed.-Sun. at 8 p.m., through July 31, $15; 202-265-3055.*

Out of the Closets

A new documentary examines the role of the Stonewall Riots in American history

Film

In the early hours of June 28, 1969, police raided the Stonewall Inn in New York City's Greenwich Village. The bar was one of the few places in the city a gay couple could slow-dance without fear of arrest for violating city codes criminalizing homosexual conduct.

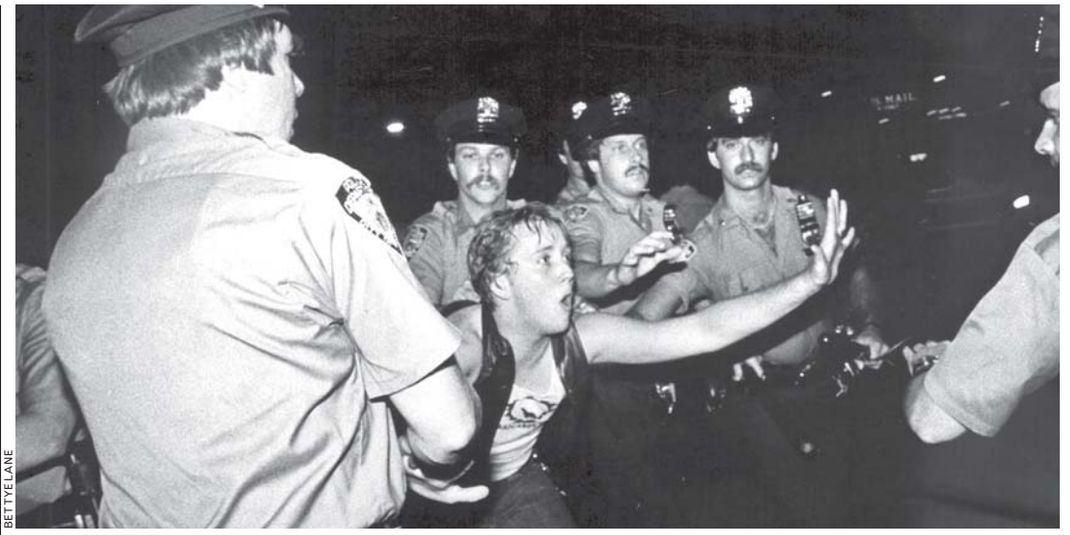
But this raid did not go as planned. The men and women inside refused to go. A crowd began gathering outside the bar, and soon the police were outnumbered. A full-scale riot broke out that lasted two days, and ushered in a new era of gay visibility and activism.

"[The Stonewall] was a dive; it was a pit," says David Heilbroner, one of the directors of "Stonewall Uprising," which opens Friday. "But it was a refuge."

Heilbroner, with co-director Kate Davis, pored over hundreds of hours of archival footage to put together the film, which looks at the riots in the context of the widely accepted mainstream homophobia of the time, which Davis says also resulted in scant news coverage of the riots.

"The only reason they wouldn't cover a large-scale riot with tactical police and cars tipped over and blood and fire was that they didn't want to dignify it," she says. "They wanted to sweep it under the rug."

Davis and Heilbroner turned to the personal collections of their interview subjects, who they culled from interviews done by author David Carter for his 2004 book, "Stonewall: The Riots That Sparked the Gay Revolution."



BETTYE LANE

Directors Kate Davis and David Heilbroner made dramatic use of the few news photos available of the Stonewall riots.

"We talk about Rosa Parks, but there was this event, too, that marks a turning point in American society, and it's at risk of being forgotten."

After 40 years, the memories of those who were there that night are still vivid, and still full of the anger and frustration that exploded that evening.

"When you grow up having your identity denied by society or worse, considered an illness or deviant criminal behavior ... yeah, they are still angry," says Heilbroner. "I don't blame them."

Heilbroner says the film comes at an important time in the current political discussion on gay rights.

"We talk about Rosa Parks, but there was this event, too, that marks a tremendous turning point in American society, and it's at risk of being forgotten," he says. "That was one of our mantras making the film — to make gay history American history." SHAUNA MILLER

● *E Street Cinema, 555 11th St. NW; opens Fri., see landmarktheatres.com for showtimes, $10; 202-452-7672.*

A Funny Thing Happened

Gene Weingarten's new comics project is seriously funny

Local Heroes

Gene Weingarten acknowledges he had one quirk as an editor that his reporters couldn't stand.

"If you're writing about something relatively small and contained, unless it can somehow also cast some light about some aspect of the human condition, it's not really as good a story as it can be," Weingarten says.

But Weingarten knows about good stories: his best-of collection, "The Fiddler in the Subway" (which includes his two Pulitzer Prize-winning stories, 2008's "Pearls Before Breakfast" and this year's "Fatal Distraction"), came out on July 6; he writes a column for The Washington Post; and he's teamed up with his son, Dan, and cartoonist David Clark for the comic strip "Barney and Clyde," about an unlikely friendship between a homeless man and a billionaire. Ahead of his reading Thursday, he sat down with Express to discuss how he crafts his stories.

You won the Pulitzer twice. Did you ever think, "I'm definitely going to win an award for this"?

I want every story that I write to be as good as it can be, obviously, but I don't think in terms of prizes. ... They're a total crapshoot.

JULIA EWAN

Feature writer Gene Weingarten has recently turned his talents to comics.

How different is your creative process for "Barney and Clyde" from the way it was for your feature writing?

It's a tremendous challenge, and it's something where neither my son nor I nor the cartoonist knows what we're doing, so it's an enormous opportunity to grow and learn — and it's an enormous opportunity to fail, and that's kind of exciting, as well. ... It's very hard to start a new comic strip, but Dan and I are just bad businessmen. It was either this or becoming commercial fishermen in the Gulf of Mexico. ROXANA HADADI

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Words, Beats & Life

COURTESY NATIONAL RECORDS

LADIES FIRST: The vinyl ceiling can be a tough one to crack, but Chile's Ana Tijoux is looking to break through on the American hip-hop scene. You can catch her Thursday at LIV Nightclub on U Street NW.

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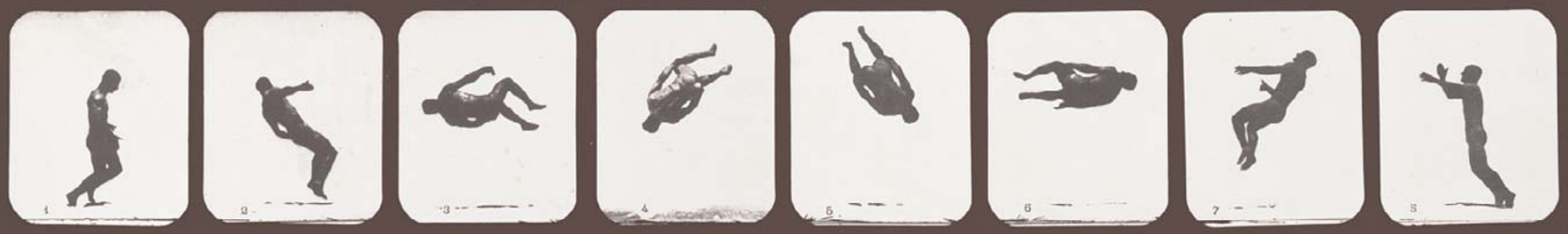

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ILLUMINATION ENTERTAINMENT

Steve Carell is bad-guy Gru, who tries to steal the moon in "Despicable Me."

1 Despicable Me
Action and laughs make "Despicable Me" a terrific choice for families still on a high from "Toy Story 3," but it deserves more credit for its elegant visual design and use of 3-D, which here looks crisp and bright.

2 The Twilight Saga: Eclipse
The cardinal "Twilight" themes of longing, chastity and protection are stronger than ever here. "Eclipse" goes further not just in advancing the story but also in illuminating the tension that Bella embodies — between autonomy and surrender.

3 Predators
It's hard to take "Predators" seriously. And it has nothing to do with the fact that Adrien Brody plays the action hero. Rather, the difficulty in keeping a straight face with this movie — the fifth in the "Predator" franchise — has more to do with how much fun it's having with a silly premise.

4 Toy Story 3
Pixar director John Lasseter creates a sense of longing that will bring adult viewers to that Disney-approved point of smiling as they weep.

5 Knight and Day
"Knight and Day," starring Cameron Diaz and Tom Cruise, is both straight-faced spy film and sly spy spoof — a difficult balancing act, but director James Mangold gets it exactly right.

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In a Galaxy Far, Far Away

Twenty years on, 'Mystery Science Theater 3000' is still lost in space

DVD

Virtually unknown to his 1960s contemporaries as well as to audiences 50 years later, Coleman Francis is the unheralded indie auteur of ineptitude. In a perfect world, he'd take his place next to Ed Wood, who, by comparison, is a genius of the cinema.

Today, Francis has the dubious honor of being the only filmmaker whose entire canon has been skewered by "Mystery Science Theater 3000," Comedy Central's cult film-critic spoof series, in which back-talking robots riff on the convoluted plots, cheap effects and terrible editing of films like those Francis cobbled together.

MICHAEL KIENITZ

"Mystery Science Theater 3000" achieved its own cult status mocking cult flicks.

The "MST"-ed versions of Francis' "Red Zone Cuba" and "Skydivers" have been in and out of print on DVD (via Rhino), but "Volume XVIII" of the show's ongoing box-set releases finally puts his "Beast of Yucca Flats" into print.

Host Mike Nelson and the 'bots have a blast tearing into "Beast," a Cold War creature feature about a Russian scientist irradiated by an errant A-bomb blast in the Nevada desert. It stars the enormous wrestler/thespian Tor Johnson, who is perfectly cast as a beast but completely unbelievable as a scientist.

The highlight of "Volume XVIII" is the pair of mini-docs on Francis' life and work, featuring lengthy and in-depth interviews with cinematographer Lee Strosnider, a friend of Francis' who worked on all three of his movies. Not only is it useful scholarship on an underappreciated and understudied auteur, but it's a warm, heartfelt tribute to a man whose ambitions comically exceeded his talents. It proves that even the most barbed MST jokes are never truly mean-spirited, but come from a place of affection and appreciation.

Like the best of the "MST" sets, "Volume XVIII" shows the space-marooned crew at the peak of their riffing, and reveals new facets of what the setup — snarky people cracking wise at movies — allows them to do. More than simply mocking its subjects, "MST" embraces the considerable charms of these deeply flawed movies, simultaneously ridiculing and celebrating them — and, ultimately, preserving them.

STEPHEN M. DEUSNER

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WRITTEN BY EXPRESS' SHAUNA MILLER

COURTESY FOCUS FILMS

Annette Bening and Julianne Moore play moms whose kids are on a mission to find their bio dad.

We're a Happy Family — Me, Mom and Mom

It's a beautiful world where Annette Bening and Julianne Moore are married. Unless they are your moms, in which case it has that parental drag factor. Director Lisa Cholodenko ("High Art," "Laurel Canyon") follows the teenage progeny (Mia Wasikowska and Josh Hutcherson) of a lesbian couple in suburban California as one of the kids flies off to college. But as their parents struggle with a rapidly emptying nest, the kids are busy solving a lifelong mystery — they want to meet the guy who helped their moms conceive. It's also a beautiful world when your donor-dad turns out to be Mark Ruffalo, in the form of bachelor restaurateur Paul, whose new friendship turns the family upside down. Cholodenko playfully addresses the commitment, loyalty and love that truly make a family, and the compassion and humor required to survive parenting teenagers — or for them to survive your crazy parenting. ▶ *Landmark's E Street Cinema, 555 11th St. NW; opens Friday, see landmarktheatres.org for showtimes, $10; 202-452-7672. (Metro Center).*

May the Force, and Fireballs, Be With You

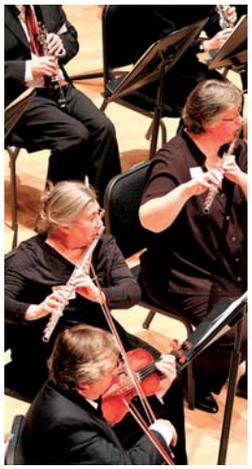
From the time the first "Star Wars" film was released in 1977, it has been so much more than a mere movie. Depending on who you ask, it's a reimagining of the Bible, or of Shakespeare. Some would even claim it was an entirely nonfictional missile-defense program in the '80s. But for a special few, "Star Wars" is a way of life. You will know them by their exceedingly detailed Princess Leia Halloween costumes that slowly creep into weekend rotation. You will know them by their habit of passing off Yoda quotes as wisdom from "The Art of War." You will know them by their awed enthusiasm for "Star Wars": In Concert, a cinematic experience that blows away even watching "The Wizard of Oz" while listening to Pink Floyd's "The Wall." Pulling together edited footage from all six "Star Wars" films along with a live orchestra, a massive light show and pyrotechnic explosions, this is truly the date night of every nerd's dreams. Even at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. ▶ *Verizon Center, 601 F St. NW; Saturday at 2 & 7 p.m., $35-$75; 202-628-3200.*

1 Passion Players

Very often, geniuses lack basic common sense. It gets in the way of passion, you see. Director Jan Kounen's new film, "Coco Chanel and Igor Stravinsky," offers an example of this phenomenon, tracing the love affair between the legendary designer and the groundbreaking composer — an affair that began with Stravinsky sensibly moving his kids and consumptive wife into Coco's villa. ➜ *Landmark's Bethesda Row Cinema, 7235 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda, Md.; opens Fri., see landmarktheatres.com for showtimes, $10; 301-652-7273.*

3 Terrifying? Or Terrible?

You can't really judge yet if "Birdemic: Shock and Terror" is the worst movie ever made, but with its "menacing" clip-art birds and so-bad-you'll-hide-under-your-bed-for-a-week acting, it's making a strong case. Oh, and when it says "partially inspired" by Hitchcock's "The Birds," it means "totally ripped off." ➜ *Landmark's E Street Cinema, 555 11th St. NW; Fri. & Sat. at midnight, $10; 202-452-7672. (Metro Center)*



4 Not 'Bad' At All

We're not encouraging you to dance during a Baltimore Symphony Orchestra concert. We would never do that. But here are the facts: the BSO is performing an evening of Michael Jackson's music, and it is impossible to listen to the King of Pop without dancing. Your move. ➜ *Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, 1212 Cathedral St., Baltimore; Thu., 7:30 p.m., $23-$50; 410-783-8000, bsomusic.org.*

top stops WEEKEND

2 Free Love

The Kennedy Center rolls out three days of free concerts with its "American Playlist" series, featuring huge names such as John Mayer, Smokey Robinson (pictured), ?uestlove and the Suzanne Farrell Ballet, along with local stars like Mambo Sauce. Did we mention this was all somehow free? ➜ *Kennedy Center, 2700 F St., Sun.-Tue., 6 p.m., free; 202-467-4600, kennedy-center.org. (Foggy Bottom)*

5 Sound Foundation

For lack of a better term, we're going to call William Fitzsimmons' music "folk squared." It's like regular folk music, except everything is eerily echoey and intense. The youngest child of two blind parents, William grew up communicating through the richness of sounds, a unique vantage point that comes through in his music. ➜ *Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna, Va.; Sun., 8 p.m., $15; 703-255-1566, jamminjava.com.*

Compiled by Express' Fiona Zublin. Find more of our daily picks — and see what's coming up this weekend — at expressnightout.com/topstops.

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➜ THURSDAY

Birchmere: R&B Trio Bell Biv Devoe, 7:30 p.m., $45.

Black Cat: The Capstan Shafts, Twins of a Gazelle, the Goddamn Hills, 9 p.m., $8.

Blues Alley: Terence Blanchard, 8 & 10 p.m., $35.

DC9: Educated Consumers, Ardamus, Kokayi, Mic Savvy, Muscle City, 8:30 p.m., $8.

Fort Reno Park: Give, Hiding Places, Ra Ra Rasputin, 7 p.m., free.

Iota: Sonia Leigh, the Walkaways, 8:30 p.m., $12.

Jammin' Java: Mid-Atlantic Band Battle III, 8 p.m., $10.

Jaxx: The Sacred Ceremony Tour featuring Black Veil Brides, Vampires Everywhere!, Modern Day Escape, Get Scared, Upon a Shallow Grave, Siren to the Skies, the More You Know, 5 p.m., $12 - $14.

Rams Head Onstage: Marshall Tucker Band, 8 p.m., $45.

Rock and Roll Hotel: Midnight Wine, Little Bigheart & the Wilderbeast, 8 p.m., $10.

U Street Music Hall: Kid Sister, Roxy Cottontail, Tabi Bonney, Jackie O., Nails by Naomi, 9 p.m., $10-$12.

Velvet Lounge: Kohoutek, George Kinney, D. Charles Speer & The Helix, 8:30 p.m., $8.

Wolf Trap: Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, 8 p.m., $25-$45.

➜ FRIDAY

9:30 Club: The Very Big Fatback, Art of Junk, George Smallwood, 9 p.m., $10.

Birchmere: Laurie Anderson, 7:30 p.m., $39.50.

Black Cat: We Are Scientists, Lightspeed Champion, Bad Girlfriend, 9 p.m., $15 - $18.

Iota: Jesse Malin and the St. Marks Social, Shane Hines, Don DiLego, 9 p.m., $15.

Jammin' Java: The Kennedys, 7 p.m., $18; Murphy's Kids, the Independent, Parachute Musical, 10 p.m., $10-$13.

Jaxx: Histrionic Witch, Silence the Blind, Deranged Theory, Engulfed in Flames,

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Rams Head Onstage: The Cowsills, 8 p.m., $29.50.

Rock and Roll Hotel: Junior League, Holy Ghost Tent Revival, the Hot Seats, 8:30 p.m., $12;

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→SATURDAY

Birchmere: Old Time Banjo Festival featuring Tony Trischka, Cheick Hamala Diabate, Adam Hurt, 7:30 p.m., $29.50.

Black Cat: The Torches, Lions & Tigers & Whales, 8 p.m., $8.

DC9: Ocho de Bastos, Bachaco, Crisis, Revolucion Quinientos Tr3s, DJ Rockactivo, 8 p.m., $10-$12.

Iota: Shortstack, Pinche Gringo, 9 p.m., $12.

Jammin' Java: 4 Out of 5 Doctors, 8 p.m., $20.

Jaxx: In Alcatraz 1962, I Saw a Ghost, Life After Hours, Behold the Flood, Upon Disfigurement, As the Kingdom Falls, A Gentlemen Calling, Villiska, Kingdoms Once Conquered, Shefinagodanky, the Concussion Theory, Rhinehart Nebula, 2 p.m., $10-$12.

Rams Head Onstage: Blind Boys of Alabama, 8 p.m., $55.

The Red and the Black: King Giant, Wake Up Cold, 9 p.m., $8.

Rock and Roll Hotel: Bonjour, Ganesh!, Milk Machine, the NRIs, Ghost Light, 8 p.m., $10;

State Theatre: Future, Nunchucks, the Blackberry Belles, 8 p.m., $11-$13.

Velvet Lounge: Unlimited Exposure-DMV Rock/Rap showcase featuring Frankie Dollar, Bishop Twan and GBU, Charlie Black and Bleez, Twizzi and Soldier Camp, Lady MT, Portia 911, Lady Dutchess, PBE Unbreakables, Najibah, DJ Ronstoppable, the Villains 21, 9 p.m., $8.

→SUNDAY

Birchmere: David Grisman Bluegrass Experience, 7:30 p.m., $39.50.

Black Cat: The Mostly Dead, Worn in Red, Drugs of Faith, 9 p.m., $8.

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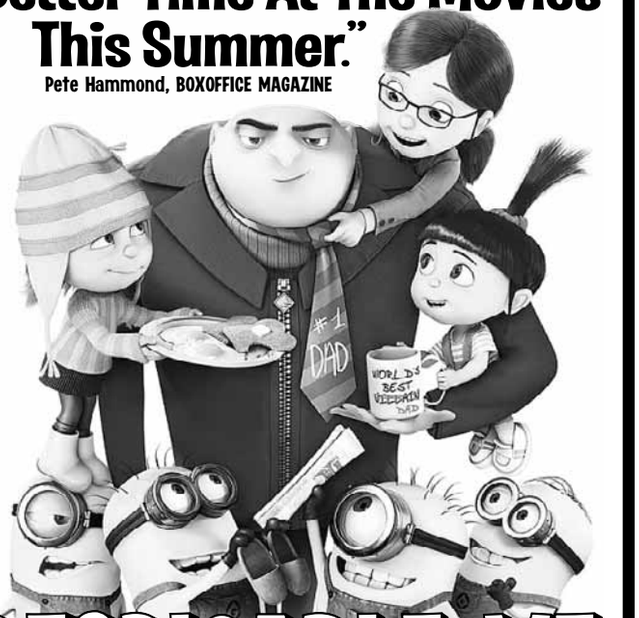
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LAST CHANCE Addison/Ripley Fine Art: "John Morrell: Here & Then," dreamy landscapes, many of them local, through July 17. 1670 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-338-5180, addisonripley-fineart.com.

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American Painting: "A Washington, D.C. Vacation," the Washington Society of Landscape Painters will display their paintings of the District, through Sept. 11. 5118 MacArthur Blvd. NW; 202-244-3244.

Anacostia Community Museum: "Separate and Unequaled: Black Baseball in the District of Columbia," an examination of the popularity of the national pastime when played by African Americans. 1901 Fort Pl. SE; 202-633-4820, anacostia.si.edu.

Athenaeum: "Of Itself: Medium as Message," the nature of the media is given a voice through these works, through Aug. 1. 201 Prince St., Alexandria; 703-548-0035, nvfaa.org.

Archives of American Art: "Lists: To-dos, Illustrated Inventories, Collected Thoughts and Other Artists' Enumerations," through Sept. 27. 750 9th St. NW; 202-633-7940, aaa.si.edu.

Arlington Arts Center: "Cosplay," the struggles of humanity come out in the life of a chicken in the paintings of Jung Min "Jun" Lee, through July 26; "Art Scouts," six D.C. artists explain how and why they make their art, "The Unhappy Life of a Plastic Bag," Sabyna Sterrett uses old plastic bags to create works of art, both through Aug. 21. 3550 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-248-6800, arlingtonarts.org.

LAST CHANCE Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: "In the Realm of the Buddha: The Tibetan Shrine From the Alice S. Kandell Collection," a rare look inside the space of worship for Tibetan Buddhists; "Lama, Patron, Artist: The Great Situ Panchen," paintings, sculptures and manuscripts illustrate the life of the great Tibetan Buddhist scholar, both through July 18. "Gods of Angkor: Bronzes From the National Museum of Cambodia," through Jan. 23; "Perspectives: Hai Bo," desolation finds a gentle edge in these photographs, through Feb. 27. 1050 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000, asia.si.edu.

The Art League: "Stories in Paper," collages by Megan Coyle; opens Thu., through Aug 2. 105 N. Union St., Alexandria; 703-683-1780, theartleague.org.

Art Museum of the Americas: "House of the Americas Turns 100: Paul Philippe Cret and the Architecture of Dialogue," an exhibition on the Organization of American States (OAS) Headquarters Building, through Aug. 29. 201 18th St. NW; 202-458-6016, museum.oas.org.

BayFirst Solutions: "Deaf Artists Exhibit," works of varying aesthetic and form created by deaf artists from the 1930s through present day, through Sept. 30. 6856 Eastern Ave. NW, Suite 100; 202-567-2186.

Carroll Square Gallery: "Travelogue," new works from artists Elsie Hull, Ruth Pettus, Foon Sham and Polly Townsend, through Aug. 27. 975 F St. NW; 202-624-8643, carrollsquare.com.

Conner Contemporary Art: "Academy 2010: Decade," the annual invitational survey of work by MFA/BFA students in the Washington/Baltimore area; opens Sat., through Aug. 23. 1358 Florida Ave., NE; 202-588-8750, connercontemporary.com.

Corcoran Gallery of Art: "Helios: Eadweard Muybridge in a Time of Change," animal and human locomotion meet under the photographic lens of Eadweard Muybridge. "American Falls: Phil Solomon," both through July 18. "American Bronzes"; "Sculpture From the Mouse House: The Olga Hirshhorn Collection," ongoing. 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700, corcoran.org.

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DAR Museum: "Honoring Lafayette: Contemporary Quilts From France and America," through Sept. 4. 1776 D St. NW; 202-879-3241, dar.org/museum.

LAST CHANCE **D.C. Arts Center:** "Facts and Fictions" highlights the tension between the real and the constructed, through July 18. 2438 18th St. NW; 202-462-7833, dcartscenter.org.

Evolve Urban Arts Project: "Nature Transforms," painter Jessica van Brakle, photographer Wess Brown and mixed-media artist Alex Zealand explore the intersections of visual arts, architecture and nature, through July 24. 1375 Maryland Ave. NE; 202-489-8160, evolvedc.com.

Flashpoint Gallery: "By Request," a subversive, humorous and celebrity-obsessed show about the Washington, D.C., art world, through July 31. 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1305, flashpointdc.org.

Folger Shakespeare Library: "Lost at Sea: The Ocean in the English Imagination, 1550-1750," a collection of artifacts such as charts and nautical instruments offers visitors the chance to consider the peril of sailing the seas in the 1500s through the 1700s, through Sept. 4. 201 East Capitol St. SE; 202-544-4600, folger.edu.

Foundry Gallery: "Bridges, Cars, and Pumps," an exhibition by Sarah Alexander Photography featuring images of old-fashioned car travel, through Aug. 1. 1314 18th St. NW; 202-463-0203, foundrygallery.org.

Freer Gallery of Art: "Cornucopia: Ceramics From Southern Japan," through Jan. 9; "Masterpieces of Chinese Painting," through Nov. 28. Jefferson Drive & 12th Street SW; 202-633-1000, asia.si.edu.

Gallery Neptune: "Summer Artist Marketplace," through Aug 21. 5001 Wilson Lane, Bethesda; 301-718-0809 , galleryneptune.com

Hemphill Fine Arts: "Mary Early: Sculpture"; "Emma Tapley: New Paintings," nature brushes the abstract in these light-refracted paintings, both through Aug. 7. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-234-5601, hemphillfinearts.com.

Henry L. Stimson Center: "Fearless Flying!," Marian Osher's mixed-media paintings of the Earth and clouds, through Sept. 16. 1111 19th St. NW; 301-273-3660, washingtonprintmakers.com.

Hirshhorn: "Yves Klein: With the Void, Full Powers," cryptic work from the French painter, through Sept. 12. "Black Box: Chris Chong Chan Fui," through Aug. 1. "ColorForms," abstract art explores the limits of color, through Jan. 2. 7th St. & Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000, hirshhorn.si.edu.

Homebody: "Steve Alderton," the Capitol Hill artist presents two series on abstract expressionism and expressionistic art, through Aug. 30. 715 Eighth St. SE; 202-544-8445, homebodydc.com.

Honfleur Gallery: "Objectified," photography and work from Colleen Heineman, Jeanne Jo, Robert Longyear and Andrea Miller, through July 23. 1241 Good Hope

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International Arts & Artists: "Mapping Source," through July 31. 9 Hillyer Court NW; 202-338-0680, artsandartists.org.

Irvine Contemporary: "Picture Planes: Robert Mellor and Alexa Meade," paintings, photographs and installations by Robert Mellor and Alexa Meade. "Gaia, the Urban Romantic," new works and on-site installations, both through July 24. 1412 14th St. NW; 202-332-8767, irvinecontemporary.com.

The Joan Hisaoka Healing Arts Gallery: "Through Their Eyes: Haitian Artists' Visions of Home," National Geographic photographer Maggie Steber and more than 30 Haitian artists offer a window into how Haitians experience their post-earthquake world, through Aug. 7. 1632 U St. NW; 202-483-8600, smithfarm.com.

Katzen Arts Center: "Georgia June Goldberg," "Gery de Smet: See Something? Say Something!" "Norse Soul: The Legacy of Edvard Munch, Social Democracy, Old Myths, Anarchy, and Death Longings," all through Aug. 8; "Good Things Come in Small Packages: The Collection of Elisabeth French," "Picturing the Potomac," paintings by artists at the Potomac River School focusing on locations along the Potomac River, both through Aug. 15. 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-885-2787.

Long View Gallery: "Informed Design," a look at the role of art in architecture and interior design, with vignettes by Ernesto Santalla and David Jameson; opens Thu., through Aug 1. 1234 9th St., NW; 202-232-4788, longview

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Summertime Sippin'

Cool down summer's sizzle with frosty cocktails and floats with an added kick

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Chill Out

Find some refreshment in D.C.'s summer swelter with new cocktails cropping up at local watering holes, and seek out the mixologists and bartenders who are whipping up icy drinks with specialty and seasonal ingredients.

ART AND SOUL on Capitol Hill is retrofitting a childhood favorite for adult audiences by offering 3 sno-cone cocktails. The ice-layered drinks, designed by Jay Poblador, come in appropriately candy-bright colors served in cone-shaped glasses. The Laurel Park, for example, is made with stacked cucumbers and strawberries drenched in gin, St-Germain (elderberry liqueur) and sparkling rose.

In Rockville, **AGAINN** is offering a twist on 1 the root beer float with Guinness instead. Created by Caterina Abbruzzetti, one option includes stout ice cream, cream soda and strawberry ice cream. And the just-opened **ESTADIO**, in Logan Circle, also plans to update frozen pastimes. The tapas restaurant will have cocktails made with on-site slushie machines.

Of course, location can make or break any cocktail hour, and **ZENTAN** has the perfect companion for its summertime beverages. The restaurant, in the Donovan House at Thomas Circle, is featuring its menu on the rooftop bar, serving the Shanghai Mai Tai, a mix of coconut and dark rum, Vee V, pineapple and passion fruit puree.

Continue to take your cocktail hour al fresco at Penn Quarter's **ZAYTINYA** with Major Patrick's Pimms, a combination of Pimm's No. 1, Hendrick's Gin, cucumber, dill and orange. **AGORA**, marking its first summer, beats the heat with 4 the Fig Delight, a Turkish-inspired cocktail of tequila, lime juice and agave nectar, with fig and kumquat, best enjoyed on the patio.

Or take inspiration from **CAFÉ ATLÁNTICO**'s "Farm to Glass" cocktails, which Owen Thomson changes weekly, depending on what is available at the Penn Quarter farmers market. "You never know until you walk into the farmers market on Thursday what's going to catch your eye," said Thomson. He has whipped up such cocktails as the Cool Hand Cuke — with vodka, black-pepper thyme syrup and cucumber and lemon juices and the Thymes Ain't So Blue that mixes Cruzan rum with a handcrafted blueberry and thyme tonic. His advice to ambitious mixologists at home: Try picking up herbs (such as basil or lemon verbena) to be used either fresh or cooked into a simple syrup.

Next week, begining July 19, **URBANA** celebrates its fourth birthday by giving cocktail-lovers specialty cocktails for $12 each as well as selected small plates and punch-style drinks for a meager $5. With names such as Kentucky Picnic, Hemingway Daiquiri and 2 the Glass Slipper — Ketel One vodka, ice wine, white grape juice, prosecco and frozen grapes — these tasty mixes scream of lazy, lingering summertime fun.

But if you want to try your hand at concocting a summer treat like 5 the strawberry-infused one above, there is **BOURBON STEAK** in Georgetown, which just launched mixology classes (priced at $95). Taught by Duane Sylvestre, students can select from Bourbon Steak's extensive liquors, juices, mixers and house-grown herbs. **DANIELLE O'STEEN**

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Kidtails

Stop Mocking Me

No, we're not encouraging underage drinking. But your night need not be ruined if the baby sitter cancels. At spots such as Ceiba, Acadiana, TenPenh and DC Coast (pictured), grown-ups aren't the only ones having fun with bubbles. So, whip out the itchy tights, shine up the Mary Janes and bring the little buggers along for a taste — of fresh fruit juices, of course. While the martini glass is out, flavor is plentiful with strawberry-rhubarb and watermelon purees splashed with soda water for maxium sparkle.

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A Blended Family Affair

At the Star and Shamrock, a dual heritage and menu

Strange Bedfellows

It sounds like the setup for an old joke: "A priest and a rabbi walk into a bar ..." But the Star and Shamrock, a new Jewish deli and Irish pub on the H Street corridor, instead references the dual cultures of co-owner Jason Feldman.

As the story goes, Feldman grew up in an orthodox Jewish household in an Irish-Catholic neighborhood and married an Irish woman, inspiring this all-in-the-family project, which joins other eclectic eateries in the burgeoning neighborhood.

Good Jewish delis are hard to come by in Washington. And though the Star and Shamrock is not quite the missing piece of the city's dining puzzle, it does come close. It boasts everything from pan-fried matzo balls and fried chicken livers with Creole seasoning to a classic Reuben made with delicate, house-made hot corned beef.

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The Star and Shamrock features Irish fare and deli faves like the classic Reuben.

The sandwich menu includes such concoctions as the Latke Madness (three latkes piled with corned beef and griddled sauerkraut) and the Clogger (a cholesterol buffet of beef brisket, bacon and gravy with provolone and garlic butter). But the ultimate offering is named after the eatery itself. The Star and Shamrock sandwich features hot pastrami and corned beef crammed with chopped chicken liver, Swiss cheese, Russian dressing and latkes on grilled rye bread —the ultimate in greasy comfort food.

The decor has all the fittings of a traditional Irish pub, with dark wooden details and an enormous, wraparound bar. However, on closer inspection, the Star and Shamrock is not without its whimsical flairs. Carved into the wood are both Celtic symbols and Stars of David, which, according to Feldman, represent that "fine line between blasphemous and humorous."

When it comes to liquor, the vibe is most certainly Irish. The bar features about 20 Irish whiskeys and an extensive list of bourbon, rye and scotch. But the 28 available brews retain the Star and Shamrock's double identity, with both Guinness and He'Brew Genesis Ale among the beers on tap.

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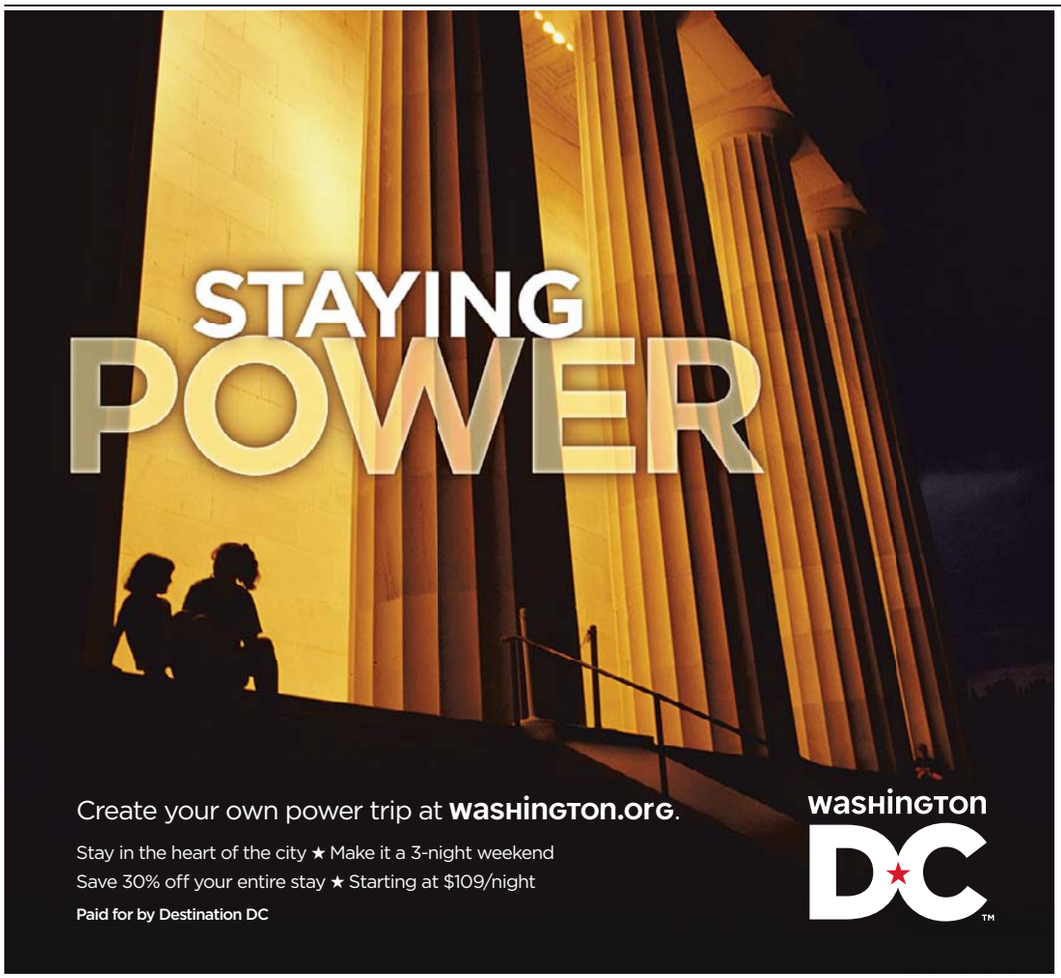
● *Star and Shamrock, 1341 H St. NE; 202-388-3833; starandshamrock.com.*



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gallery.com.

Madame Tussauds Washington D.C.: "Michael Jackson Tribute Exhibit," through July 23. 1001 F St., NW; 888-929-4632, madametussauds.com.

Mexican Cultural Institute: "Rethinking Tradition: Contemporary Design From Mexico," contemporary Mexican artists play with traditional craft and art forms, through Oct. 15. 2829 16th St. NW; 202-728-1628.

National Academy of Sciences: "Love, Loss and Laughter: Seeing Alzheimer's Differently," through Aug. 20. 500 5th St. NW; 202-334-2415, nasonline.org.

National Air and Space Museum: The largest collection of historic aircraft and spacecraft in the world, ongoing. 6th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, nasm.si.edu.

National Archives: "Discovering the Civil War: Part I," through Sept. 6. 700 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-357-5000, archives.gov.

National Building Museum: "LEGO Architecture: Towering Ambition," architect and very patient fellow Adam Reed Tucker designed and build 15 miniature buildings using Legos, through Sept. 5. "U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon 2011 Finalists: A Special Presentation," through July 25; "Drawing Toward Home: Designs for Domestic Architecture From Historic New England," through Aug. 15; "House of Cars: Innovation and the Parking Garage," through July 11. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448, nbm.org.

LAST CHANCE National Gallery of Art, East Building: "In the Tower: Mark Rothko," through Jan. 2; "Alexander Calder Mobile"; **National Gallery of Art, West Building:** "Ex-Libris: Chester Dale," through July 18; "Beat Memories: the Photographs of Allen Ginsberg," through Sept. 16; "German Master Drawings from the Wolfgang Ratjen Collection 1580-1900," through Nov. 28; "From Impressionism to Modernism: the Chester Dale Collection," through Jan. 2. Permanent exhibit, European and American paintings, sculpture and decorative arts from the 13th through the 19th centuries. 6th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-737-4215, nga.gov.

National Geographic: "Design for the Other 90%," through Sept. 6; "Da Vinci, the Genius," a comprehensive traveling exhibition detailing the life and work of Leonardo da Vinci, through Sept. 12; "Rare: Photographs by Joel Sartore," Joel Sartore captures more than 40 exotic and at-risk animals, through Oct. 11. 1145 17th St. NW; 202-857-7588, nationalgeographic.com/museum.

National Museum of African Art: "Artful Animals," a family-friendly exhibition looks at Africa and its animals, through July 25. "Paul Emmanuel: Transitions," the South African artist documents male rites of passage, through Aug. 22; "Grass Roots: African Origins of an American Art," this traveling exhibit highlights the coiled basket, through Nov. 28. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-4600, nmafa.si.edu.

National Museum of American History: "Ain't Nothing Like the Real Thing: How the Apollo Theater Shaped American Entertainment," through Aug. 29. Ongoing exhibitions include "The Star-Spangled Banner: The Flag That Inspired the National Anthem"; "Abraham Lincoln: An Extraordinary Life"; "Lighting a Rev-

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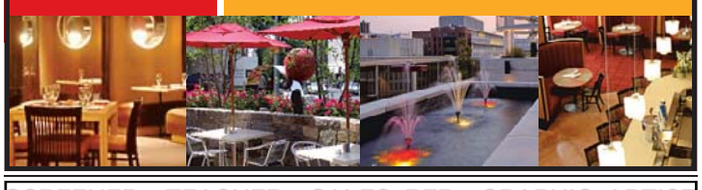

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24 SAT ★ NMAI Summer Music Series: Lisa Thomas
The pianist of Cherokee descent plays music by Native American composers, composers from the "Indianist School," and composers of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

CONCERT HALL

25 SUN ★ NSO Summer Music Institute Orchestra
Conducted by Elizabeth Schulze, the orchestra of students ages 15–20 plays a program featuring the Overture to Verdi's *La Forza del Destino* and Dvořák's Symphony No. 9 ("From the New World").

26 MON ★ Owen Danoff and Phillip Noss
Singer/songwriter/bassist/composer Danoff and singer-songwriter Noss are students at Berklee College of Music.

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Hey, Little Sister

DON FLOOD

ROCK ON, CHICAGO: Windy City native Melisa Young, aka Kid Sister, brings her old-school-style hip-hop to U St. Music Hall Thursday. Young is best known for her single "Pro Nails," which features Chicago neighbor Kanye West.

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olution"; "On the Water: Stories From Maritime America"; "Bon Appétit! Julia Child's Kitchen at the Smithsonian"; and many more. 14th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, americanhistory.si.edu.

National Museum of the American Indian: "Brian Jungen: Strange Comfort," through Aug. 8. Displays about the history and culture of American Indians, permanent collection. 4th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, nmai.si.edu.

LAST CHANCE **National Museum of Natural History:** "Since Darwin: The Evolution of Evolution," the history and timeline of one of the most influential scientific theories, through July 18; "Written in Bone: Forensic Files of the 17th-Century Chesapeake," through Jan. 2013. 10th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, mnh.si.edu.

National Museum of Women in the Arts: "Pomp and Power: Antoinette Bouzonnet Stella's Entrance of the Emperor Sigismond Into Mantua," through Aug. 22; "Body of Work: New Perspectives on Figurative Painting," part of the "Women to Watch 2010" series, through Sept. 12; "Dorothy Series," June Wayne illustrates her mother's life using photographs, documents and other memorabilia, through Sept. 13. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000, nmwa.org.

National Portrait Gallery: "One Life: Echoes of Elvis," portraits and exhibits of the King, through Aug. 29. "Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition

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The Thrill Ain't Gone

MICHAEL COTTERMAN

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2009," through Sept. 6. "From FDR to Obama: Presidents on Time," through Sept. 26. Other permanent exhibitions. 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-8300, npg.si.edu.

Newseum: "Inside Tim Russert's Office: If It's Sunday, It's 'Meet the Press,'" "First Dogs: Presidential Pets in the White House," both through Dec. 31. "Athlete: the Sports Illustrated Photography of Walter Iooss," through Jan. 16; "Elvis! His Groundbreaking, Hip-Shaking, News-making Story," through Feb. 14. Ongoing permanent exhibitions illustrating the role of a free press in a free society. 555 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 888-639-7386, newseum.org.

The Phillips Collection: "Pousette-Dart: Predominantly White Paintings," through Sept. 12. 1600 21st St. NW; phillipscollection.org.

Project 4: "Art + Space," work from Sharon Louden, Jeanne Quinn, Foon Sham and Katy Stone, through July 31. 1353 U St. NW; 202-232-4340, project4gallery.com.

Renwick Gallery: "The Art of Gaman: Arts and Crafts From the Japanese American Internment Camps, 1942-1946," through Jan. 30; ongoing exhibitions. 1661 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-633-1000, americanart.si.edu/renwick.

S. Dillon Ripley Center: "The Healing Power of Art: Works of Art by Haitian Children After the Earthquake," Children express their feelings about the earthquake through art. 1100 Jefferson Drive SW; 202-633-1000, si.edu/ripley.

Smithsonian American Art Museum: "Christo and Jeanne-Claude: Remembering the Running Fence," through Sept. 26. Permanent collection, ongoing. 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-1000, americanart.si.edu.

LAST CHANCE Studio Gallery: "Summer Steel," steel sculptures by Nancy Frankel; "Explorations," new member show, both through July 17. 2108 R St. NW; 202-232-8734, studiogallerydc.com.

Susan Calloway Fine Arts: "Mix," monotypes, paintings and collages from Natasha Karpinskaia, through July 24. 1643 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-965-4601, callowayart.com.

The Textile Museum: "Art by the Yard: Women Design Mid-Century Britain," An examination of the changes in textile design post-WWII, through Sept. 12 ; "The Art of Living: Textile Furnishings From the Permanent Collection," through Jan. 9. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441, textilemuseum.org.

Torpedo Factory Art Center: "Reading Silk: A Living Sculpture," a display of silk spun by live silkworms, through July 30;

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Moved by Cambodia's struggle to recover from decades of civil unrest, silk expert Morimoto Kikuo established the Institute for Khmer Traditional Textiles in Siem Reap. He discusses Cambodian dyeing and weaving techniques and offers scarves, jewelry, bags, and other handicrafts for sale.

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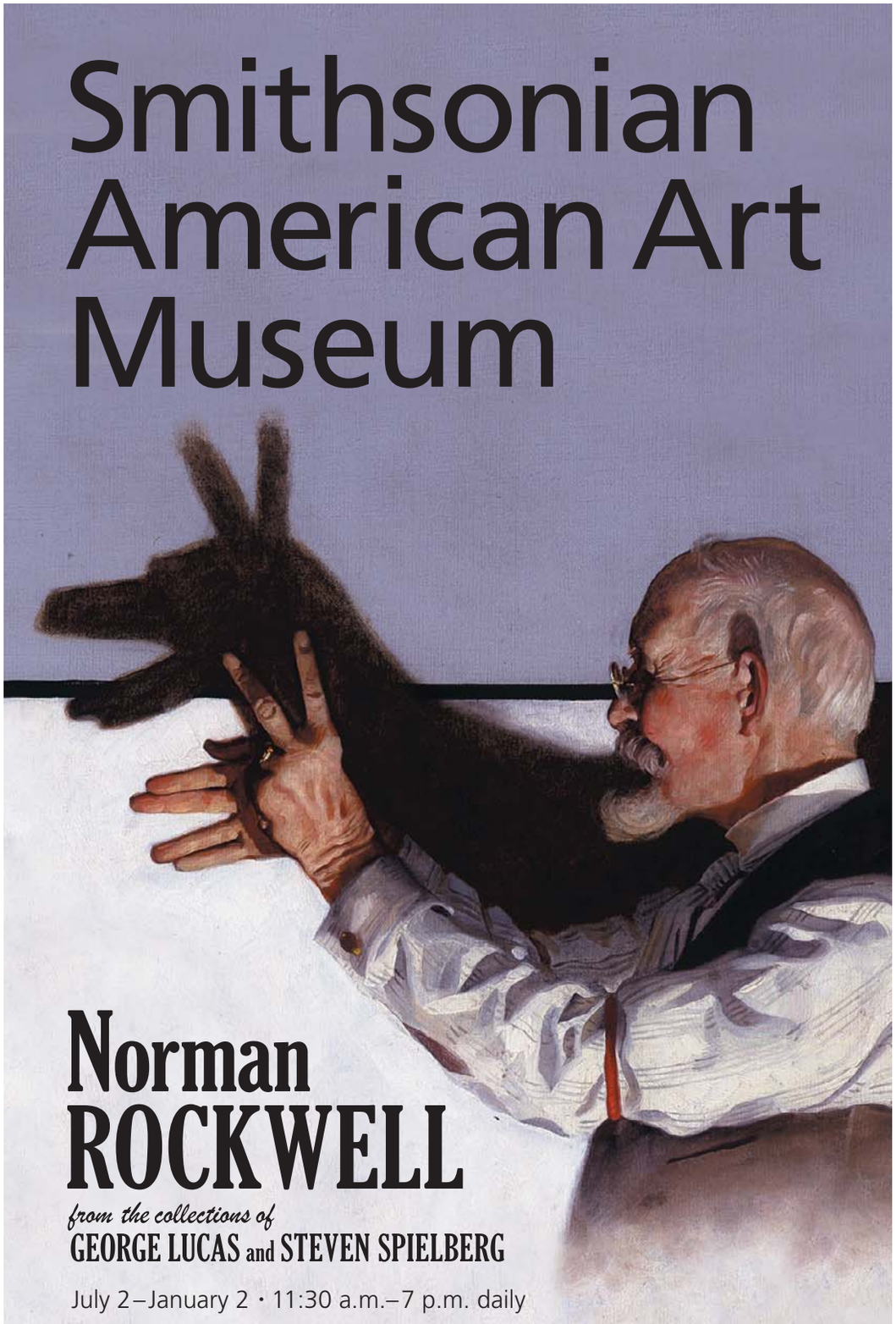

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A Day in Black and White

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UNBEARABLE LIGHTNESS OF BEING: Through Sept. 12, the Phillips Collection presents "Robert Ryman: Variations & Improvisations," a collection of works from the 70-year-old artist's career that play with light and darkness.

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"Carnival," black and white images of carnivals and fairs by Janet Matthews shot with a toy camera, "Transitions: Sanctuary I," Karen Keating shows the ocean and beach as bodily sanctuaries, both through Aug. 1; "Art in Balance: Rhythm and Repetition," works by Marsha Staiger and Alison Sigethy, opens Thursday, through Aug. 15; 105 N. Union St., Alexandria; 703-838-4565, torpedofactory.org.

U.S. Botanic Garden: "Spuds Unearthed," through Oct. 11; permanent exhibitions of more than 4,000 plants and a tropical rain forest. 100 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-225-8333, usbg.gov.

LAST CHANCE Watergate: "Richard Suib and George Tkabladze," digitally reconstructed photography and sculpture of wood, metal, marble, stone and paint, through July 17. 2552 Virginia Ave. NW; 202-338-4488.

Woodrow Wilson House: "My Third Leg: Woodrow Wilson's Walking Sticks," a collection of the 28th president's personal walking sticks, on view through Aug. 15. 2340 S St. NW; 202-387-4062, woodrowwilsonhouse.org.

Stage

A Lovely Sunday for Creve Couer: Quotidian Theatre Company presents the Tennessee Williams play featuring four of his most engaging female leads, opens Fri., through Aug. 8, $25. Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh St., Bethesda; 301-816-1023, quotidiantheatre.org.

A Phoenix Too Frequent: Unexpected Stage Company mounts its first production, a comedy about love and longing, opens Fri., through Aug. 1, $18-$20. Seneca Creek State Park, 11950 Clopper Road, Gaithersburg; 301-337-8290, unexpectedstage.org.

The Adventures of Uncle Rabbit: Kid-friendly storytelling crosses cultures in this interactive story of a conniving bunny, through Aug. 20, $12. Synetic Theater, 4041 Campbell Ave., Arlington; 800-494-8497, classika.org.

Avenue Q: In this 2004 Tony Award winner for best musical about making it in the big city, actors and puppets share the stage, through Aug. 15, $75-$85. Lansburgh Theatre, 450 7th St. NW; 202-547-1122, shakespearetheatre.org.

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The Scientific Method

COURTESY MAGNUM PR

BACK TO THE LAB: New York's We Are Scientists make slick, pretty pop tones that have earned the band critical attention. These guys come through Friday to the Black Cat, but we have to admit that the band's name—swiped from the song catalog of emo trailblazers Cap'n Jazz—is mostly making us even more anxious for that reunion show next week.

Forever Plaid: The story of a clean-cut 1950s rock 'n' roll band whose road to stardom hit an unexpected dead end, through Aug. 1, $26-$54. Olney Theatre, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney; 301-924-3400, olneytheatre.org.

How I Became a Pirate: A musical pirate adventure, through Aug. 14; in repertory with "Pirates! A Boy at Sea," through Aug. 15. Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda; 301-280-1660, imaginationstage.org.

If You Give a Pig a Pancake: Apparently, it will just want more and more stuff. There's a lesson for kids in there somewhere, through Aug. 22, $15, $12 for children 12 and under. Adventure Theatre, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, Md.; 301-634-2270, adventuretheatre.org.

LAST CHANCE **Johnny Meister and the Stitch:** Two bad lads with a past spend the day trying to lie low, through July 17, $20. Flashpoint, 916 G St. NW; 1-800-494-8497, solasnua.org.

Mary Poppins: The stern but magical nanny with the liftoff umbrella lands in D.C., through Aug. 22, $35-$135. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600, kennedy-center.org.

New Jerusalem: The Interrogation of Baruch De Spinoza: In this witty theological drama, philosopher and accused apostate de Spinoza faces excommunication from the Jewish community, through July 25, $15-$32. Theater J, 1529 16th St. NW; 800-494-8497, theaterj.org.

One Man Lord of the Rings: Tolkien's fantasy series with more than 11 hours of movie adaptation performed in 65 minutes by one man, through Aug. 1, $30. Woolly Mammoth Theatre, 641 D St. NW; 202-393-3939, woollymammoth.net.

Passing Strange!: A musical about a rocker's quest for authenticity, through Aug. 8, $35-$63. Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300, studiotheatre.org.

Terre Haute: An imagined series of encounters based on a collection of essays about Gore Vidal's correspondence with Timothy McVeigh, through July 25, $15. DC Arts Center, 2438 18th St. NW; 202-462-7833, dcartscenter.org.

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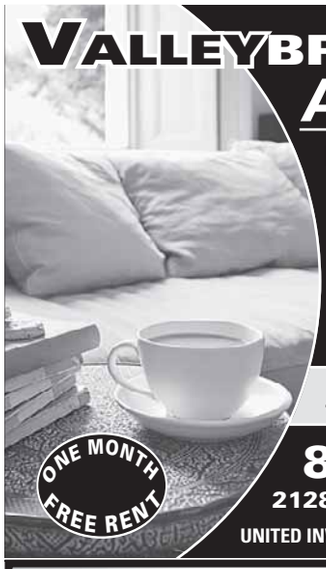

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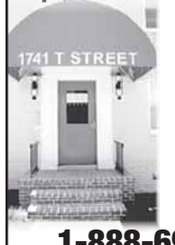

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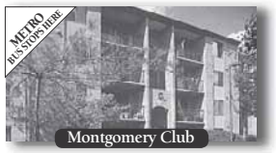

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I used to watch "Antiques Roadshow" and feel bad. How come I don't have a rare 1700s doodad in my attic?

Now I watch "Pawn Stars" and feel great. At least I'm not standing in a Vegas pawn shop unloading an heirloom for fast cash.

The History Channel hit draws 5 million viewers a week. It's easy to get hooked on the curios brought to the Gold & Silver Pawn Shop: a pirate peg leg, a WWII infant gas mask, a Picasso. Equally engaging is pawnbroker philosophy. Rick Harrison, above, whose family runs the shop, has many wise mottos, among them: "Never fall in love with anything" and "A pawnbroker with a heart is a pawnbroker who's out of business."

By Marc Silver

Harrison seems heartless when offering less than an object's appraisal. He thinks he's fair. By contrast, he says, "Roadshow" experts cite top-dollar prices — and fail to note that auction houses charge a 30 to 40 percent commission.

Season 3 wraps up July 19; new episodes return this fall. One footnote: The emphasis on historic objects isn't totally realistic. Jewelry is the shop's mainstay. Says Harrison: "I could have a show about wedding bands."

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KYRA KVERNO

WHOLE LOTTA LED

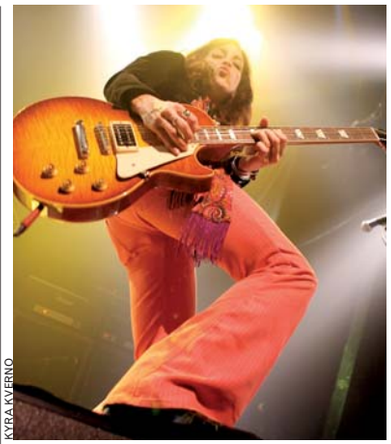
The sound remains the same from female tribute band Lez Zeppelin

Performers

There are two myths that have perpetuated since the dawn of rock 'n' roll: People in cover bands aren't legitimate musicians; and girls, for the most part, can't rock as hard as the boys. So, when Steph Paynes decided to start a Led Zeppelin tribute band in 2004 called Lez Zeppelin, it's safe to say that she experienced a few dissenters.

"If you're going to do it and you're going to be women doing it, you'd better get it together," said Paynes, who is the group's guitarist. "I don't want to add to the myth that women can't play — which is false, and if I were to go out there with a band that half-assed it, I'd be doing everyone a disservice. If you're going to do it, you're almost going to have to do it better because everyone's so cynical."

Years later and with a few nationwide tours, appearances on TV networks such as the BBC and MTV, and — perhaps most importantly — a seal of approval from Led Zeppelin's guitar god, Jimmy Page, Paynes and company have proven to the critics that they are more than just a gimmick.



KYRA KVERNO

Steph Paynes brings her own rocker-chick mentality to the Lez Zeppelin tribute band.

One of the reasons behind Lez's success has been that since its genesis in Paynes' native New York, the group (which has had about three major lineup changes) has been hesitant to follow the traditional course of tribute bands and dive into cover-band culture.

As females, the musicians can't really impersonate the original band — Shannon Conley is never going to pass for Robert Plant — and while there is some of pageantry in Lez Zeppelin (dragon suits included), the girls honor their idols by focusing on the music.

"If you're a classical musician trying to take a piece of well-known music and interpret it, that's really what we're doing," Paynes said. "We're playing a very classical canon in rock 'n' roll and we're bringing our own self to it and the energy and the power that I feel that Led Zeppelin was about."

And if you're wondering about their suggestive name, don't bother to ask, because Paynes offers no answers.

"Led Zeppelin always did that," she said. "There was a lot of mystery surrounding that band, nobody knew for sure what was going on, and I think that adds to the excitement of a rock band. Too much is told now; I don't want to know everyone's details." TOPHER FORHECZ

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Reunion? Not Quite

Led Zeppelin almost toured in 2009 — without Robert Plant. "It got as close as you can possibly get," Jason Bonham — who replaced his late father, John — told Music Radar. Bonham said he was planning a tour with Jimmy Page, above; John Paul Jones; and a replacement for Plant, but the project imploded. (EXPRESS)

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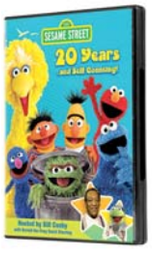
Lessons From the 'Street'

A reissued special looks at the start of the classic kids' show

DVD Review

"Sesame Street" has been on television since 1969, and with the Tuesday DVD release of "Sesame Street: 20 Years ... and Still Counting!" ($10.99, Amazon.com), a special about the series that was released in 1989, it's easy to see why the program stands the test of time.



Though the show is still on today, this is the "Sesame Street" people of Generation Y remember, with characters and cast members we recognize and adore. The show as depicted here is insightful and charming, educational in the most straightforward and comforting of ways.

The special, introduced by creator Jim Henson and narrated by Bill Cosby, describes how the "Street" rose to prominence, growing to reach kids in more than 80 countries. And you can't help but shake your head at the as-yet-unrealized wish of Joan Ganz Cooney, the show's first executive producer: "My dream is one day [Arab and Israeli children will] be at a negotiating table together ... and one of them will say to another some line of Bert and Ernie's ... and peace will break out in the Middle East."

Cosby and Henson break down not only what defined the show — including its multicultural neighborhood, with families of various ethnic backgrounds such as the black Robinsons and Latino Rodriguezes — but also what drove its evolution over the decades.

SESAME WORKSHOP

The cast of "Sesame Street's" first season, aired in 1969, are now part of TV history.

Originally thought of as a way to educate inner-city children before they entered preschool, the show's reach expanded into the suburbs and outside the U.S. border, making Sesame Street the "most famous street in America, maybe even the whole world," according to Cosby.

As the years passed, the show kept more in line with research about childhood education. When scientists demonstrated that kids needed to learn more science, "Sesame Street" added geology to its curriculum; when immigration patterns indicated that knowing Spanish would be an asset, the show began teaching conversational phrases.

The most touching part for viewers is reconnecting with the characters of our childhood.

While all this background is well and good, the most touching part for the viewer is reconnecting with the characters of our childhood who taught us these concepts. Before there were violent cartoons or anime, Big Bird and Kermit the Frog were charming children everywhere. Whether Kermit is interviewing people on the street or singing about his love of sleeping ("Nap times are my favorite/I'm really at my best," he explains), they're familiar images that tug at your heart.

And so will others of Bert and Ernie, the Count in his castle and the Cookie Monster eating the word "Food."

"Sesame Street: 20 Years ... and Still Counting!" is easy to enjoy. Just make sure you have some cookies on hand. It's what vintage Cookie Monster would want. **ROXANA HADADI**

"Sesame Street: 20 Years ... and Still Counting!"

- **Stars:** Bill Cosby, Jim Henson
- **In a Nutshell:** Cosby hosts this reissued 1989 special about the first 20 years of "Sesame Street."
- **Extras:** Ray Charles and Muppets sing "It's Not Easy Being Green"; opera singer Placido Domingo also performs.

Mixed Media

"DRAGON QUEST IX"

Immortal Combat

"Dragon Quest IX: Sentinels of the Starry Skies" (Nintendo/Square Enix, for the DS, $34.99) is a throwback to classic sword-and-sorcery role-playing games like "Wizardy" and "Ultima." And it's delightful. The essence of "DQ IX" is as old-school as it gets: With a posse of diverse characters, you venture into the wilderness. There are castles to explore and monsters to slay. Your character is a guardian angel who plummets to the mortal world after a cataclysm disrupts the heavens. Your assignment is to reclaim seven "fyggs" that have fallen into human hands. A diverse story line keeps the game interesting throughout its 40-hour length. **(AP)**

"OUR FAMILY WEDDING" (PG-13, 101 MINUTES)

Wedded Miss

You should probably pass up this slightly tacky but strictly high-concept affair: "Romeo and Juliet" played out between Mexican Capulets and black Montagues, families who reflexively despise each other. In this case, the happy couple are Lucia Ramirez and Marcus Boyd (America Ferrera and Lance Gross), she a recent law-school dropout, he a doctor heading off to join Doctors Without Borders in Laos. We get much more wedding than we need and not nearly enough reasons to say "I do." **(THE WASHINGTON POST)**

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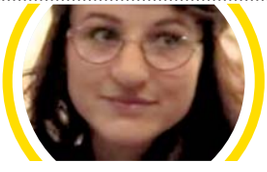

[Insert Susan Boyle Joke]: In a video posted Tuesday on **Funnyordie.com**, singer **Jewel** moonlights as frumpy businesswoman "Karen" in a wig, prosthetic nose and pantsuit to impress a Los Angeles karaoke bar with off-the-cuff renditions of her own hit songs. Jaw-dropping ensues across the bar as the "ugly girl" brings down the house. One audience member shares: "They tell me she only sings at Christmas parties." The Funny or Die site plans to release another video featuring Jewel next week, The Associated Press reported. The artist says that clip involves former Alaska governor Sarah Palin. **(EXPRESS)**

TV tonight lookout

Best Bets

FOX 9:00

So You Think You Can Dance The field for best dancer narrows as the top seven contestants' performances from Wednesday are reviewed and one competitor is sent home. Cat Deeley, right, hosts.

ABC 9:00

Rookie Blue Andy is assigned to work undercover in a citywide prostitution sting, but when she and Dov try to take some initiative in an effort to impress Sgt. Boyko, an informant's life is put in danger, and Andy must infiltrate a gun deal to save her.

ABC 10:00

Boston Med Trauma surgeon Jeff Ustin uses his fiery temperament to get his point across when someone interferes with his commitment to his patients. Both Sara Dumas and her brother, Ian, suffer from a congenital heart disease that could kill them in weeks.

BRAVO 10:00

Bethenny Getting Married? Bethenny, left, and Jason try to enjoy their honeymoon in St. Bart's, but the topic turns to the upcoming arrival of the baby. Bethenny vows to keep her hormones in check if Jason will keep calm. **(EXPRESS/TRIBUNE MEDIA)**

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Ghost Myth Busters

FACT OR FAKED: PARANORMAL FILES

SYFY 10:00

Who are you going to call to debunk a UFO sighting? When is a "ghost car" not a ghost car? These are the big questions submitted to this belabored hybrid of Jesse Ventura's "Conspiracy Theory" and a TMZ roundup of celebrity footage. "Fact or Faked" features a former FBI agent and a telegenic panel of video experts, journalists and paranormal investigators.

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Reality

All in the Family

The offbeat new "docu-soap" "Mary Knows Best" (9 p.m., Syfy) revolves around Mary Occhino, a psychic intuitive and radio host whose uncanny abilities have been inherited by her three young children. Occhino considers one a paranormal investigator, another a reluctant psychic and the third a skeptic. We wonder: Do they have to pay Patricia Arquette royalties?

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Yesterday's Results

DO YOU THINK FRANCE'S PARLIAMENT SHOULD BAN BURQA-STYLE ISLAMIC VEILS?

"They should not ban them outright but have a law that does not allow them to be worn in areas where security is a concern."

AN ANONYMOUS COMMENTER

"They ban the burqua but allow child rapist producers to run free. It's curious."

COMMENTER ANOTHER PERSON

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Blog Log

"The comedic force is strong with these ones. Imagine hopping on the 6 train to head to work when you notice Princess Leia reading a copy of 'Galactic Rebellion for Dummies.' Alright, maybe not the strangest thing you've seen on a subway."

—**HUFFINGTONPOST.COM** REACTS TO THE LATEST WORK BY THE GROUP IMPROVEVERYWHERE.COM, IN WHICH THEY RE-ENACT PART OF THE OPENING SCENE FROM STAR WARS: A NEW HOPE ON A NEW YORK SUBWAY TRAIN.

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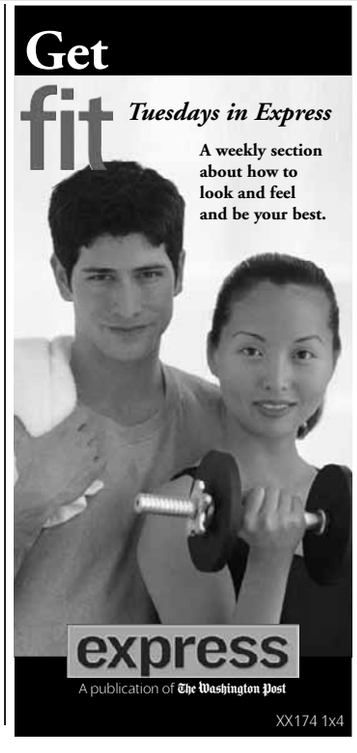
—**MATT STOPERA AT BUZZFEED.COM** IS NOT QUITE IMPRESSED WITH THE SWEDISH BAND'S SINGLE "MR. REPLAY." THE BAND REPLACED BOTH FEMALE SINGERS.

"I was a new father the first time I saw 'Beavis and Butt-Head,' and I marveled at the snark of the two most clueless, scoreless teenagers in America. ... The two adolescents depicted perfectly the haplessness of American slackers everywhere."

—**POLITICALPARTYPOOPER.WORDPRESS.COM** IS GLAD TO HEAR THE MTV CARTOON CREATED BY MIKE JUDGE IS MAKING A COMEBACK THIS FALL.



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Horoscope

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You'll have to dedicate yourself to a project that was not your own idea, but before the day is out you'll be feeling impassioned.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You'll want someone else to know exactly what you're up to, but there is a danger in giving up too much information too soon.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Technical assistance enables you to achieve more for less than you had anticipated. Progress can be swift as a result.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Thinking outside the box can result in faster progress, but it also may bring you in contact with someone who is a serious threat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Take care that you don't endanger others while taking shortcuts that endanger yourself. You may have to go it alone for a while.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) It's a good day to do things around the home that make you feel more settled. Don't neglect certain work issues, however.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The more you try to get around a certain issue or problem, the more likely you will be to get tangled in it before the day is out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Now is the time to reassess and clarify your own goals. Eventually, you'll be able to fall back on something of great importance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) An issue that has come up more than once is likely to emerge once again before the day is out, but you're ready to deal with it at this time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may suspect someone close to you of doing something to hamper your current efforts, but you're misinterpreting the evidence.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're involved in something that is far more complicated than you could possibly know. Accept another's help when it's offered.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Follow your instincts and the money is likely to come in ahead of schedule, but only for a short time. Be ready for any eventuality.

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Yesterday's Solution

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Yesterday's Solution

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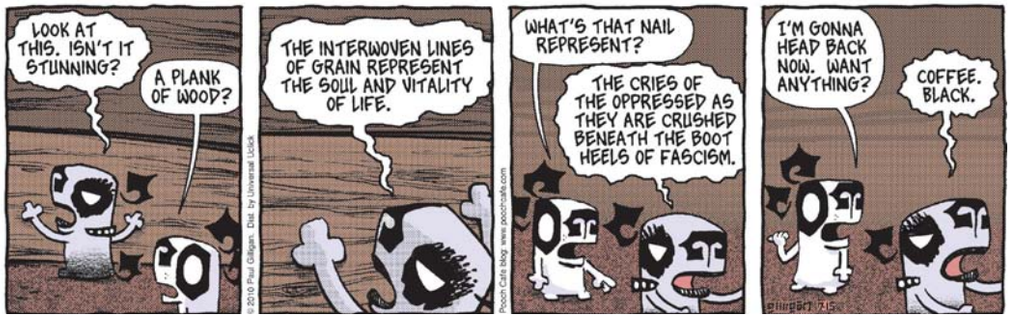

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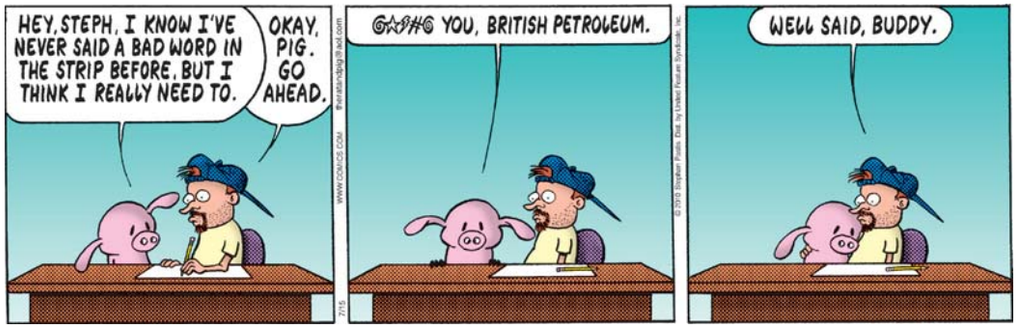

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Today: Fog in the morning; partly sunny today. Mainly clear tonight.

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Tomorrow: Partly sunny and hot tomorrow. A thunderstorm tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

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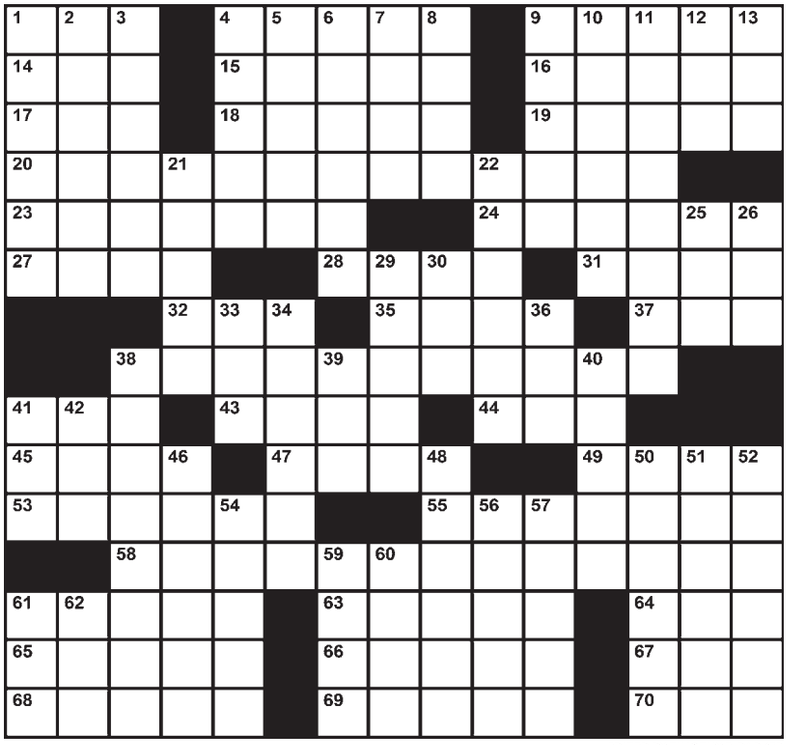

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ACROSS

1 Defunct airline
4 Hunt or Alexander
9 Star-shaped flower
14 "Do the Right Thing" pizzeria owner
15 Belittle
16 "___ of the Titans"
17 Parapsychologist's study
18 Assertive personality
19 "So much," musically
20 Very funny
23 Daily occurrence
24 Reindeer feature
27 "En garde" weapon
28 Mustang speeder
31 Become a father
32 "Whether ___ nobler in the mind ..." ("Hamlet")
35 River that feeds the Caspian Sea
37 Break for a parent or toddler
38 Relapsing
41 "Bleak House" girl
43 "For" votes
44 19th-century samurai home
45 South African village
47 Trials and tribulations
49 Badly injure
53 Authoritative order
55 Kin of "hallelujah"
58 Thrilling
61 Accumulate
63 Plant and animal life
64 Chess queen, ironically
65 A la ___ (way to order)
66 Something to sneak?
67 Had dinner
68 Acclaim
69 Towel off, again
70 Do-over tennis service

DOWN

1 Sleeping sickness transmitter
2 Mom's predinner order
3 Type of skiing
4 Indian police officer's club
5 Immeasurable chasm
6 Canadian trees
7 Midvoyage, maybe
8 Gather, as crops
9 ___ good faith
10 Tilts
11 Twisting together
12 Exaggerator's suffix
13 P, to Greeks
21 Garbo of "Anna Christie"
22 Annual Macy's event
25 ___ of Good Feelings
26 Sales force member, for short
29 Certain vital sign
30 Willliam Tell's canton
33 Unfriendly, as a stare
34 Lamb kebab holder
36 Tupperware top
38 Graph with rectangular areas
39 ___ Paulo
40 Perpetual roamer
41 ___ insult to injury
42 Unknown John or Jane
46 Magician's exclamation
48 Repelled a fly, e.g.
50 Zoo occupant
51 Present from birth
52 It attracts iron
54 Stand for a portrait
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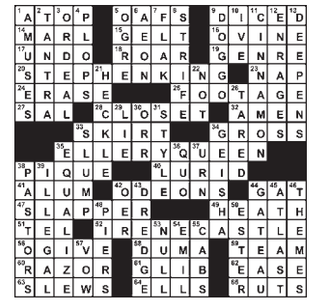

Today in History

1870 Georgia becomes the last Confederate state readmitted to the Union.

1916 Boeing Co., originally known as Pacific Aero Products Co., is founded in Seattle.

2000 Lennox Lewis stops Francois Botha at 2:39 of the second round to retain his WBC and IBF heavyweight titles in London.

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Lindsay and Shawn are not BFF.

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Lindsay Lohan, dumped by attorney Shawn Chapman Holley, wants her next lawyer to work for free, an "insider" told Radaronline.com. Lohan is slated to begin her jail term July 20. (SOURCE)

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'[Deleted] Jacuzzi'

The latest Mel Gibson audio clip from Radaronline.com includes Gibson berating his girlfriend for falling asleep before performing a sex act in a hot tub. A sampling: "I deserve to be [deleted] first! Before the [deleted] Jacuzzi! OK, I'll burn the [deleted] house up, but [deleted] first!" (EXPRESS)

PRODIGALS

Wild Oats: Sown

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Tripp Palin-Johnston illustrates how recessive genes work.

Bristol Palin and Levi Johnston say they're engaged and hope to marry within six weeks. The couple, featured in Us Weekly holding son Tripp, say they reconnected while working out a custody plan. Sarah and Todd Palin issued a statement noting, "Bristol believes in redemption and forgiveness to a degree most of us struggle to put in practice in our daily lives." (AP)

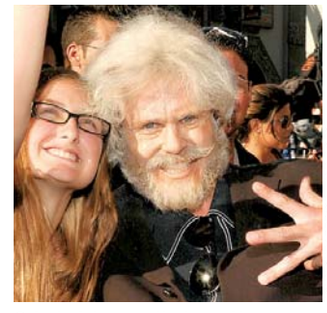
"I just got my hair done like two minutes ago. I want to have a new look. I like to be unpredictable!"

—NICOLE "SNOOKI" POLIZZI EXPLAINS HER POOF-FREE NEW COIF TO USMAGAZINE.COM ON TUESDAY.

STEALTHY

Ed Begley Jr. Called; He Wants His Hair Back

Spencer Pratt, disguised as an elderly man, was escorted out of the "Hills" series finale party on Tuesday at Los Angeles' Roosevelt Hotel, Usmagazine.com reported. He spent the evening outside the hotel, tweeting and cavorting with fans. "I'm legally released now to be free in America," he said cryptically. (EXPRESS)



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Grizzly Adams called, too. He wants his beard and demented smile back.

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TMZ's helicopter didn't want to hover over your dumb old secret Bahamian wedding anyway.

Tardy for That Party

Penelope Cruz and Javier Bardem married in early July, Cruz's publicist said. Only family members attended the intimate ceremony, at a friend's home in the Bahamas. The pair appeared together in 2008's "Vicky Cristina Barcelona." (AP)

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